

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**The Value Of Diplomacy**

ONE interesting feature of the Geneva discussions is that they have not rigidly followed the pattern of recent conferences between the West and Soviet Russia. On all the four-point meetings on Germany and other European problems, Soviet obstructionism imposed an atmosphere of sterile formalism and unreality. At Geneva it is noticeable there has been a greater sense of realism; and the two opposing sides appear to have come somewhat nearer to grappling with the practical issues involved. One noticeable development in the early stages of the Geneva meetings was that Communist China's claim to identical status with its four inviting powers was not allowed to hold up the talks dealing either with Korea or Indo-China. Nevertheless, this still left a vital task to be accomplished—the conference had to be led beyond the stage of set speeches delivered on the Communist side, largely for the purposes of propaganda directed towards Asian opinion. It had to be steered towards genuine negotiations, conducted in less unproductive forms, and it has been Mr Anthony Eden who has played the principal part in guiding the conference in this direction. His method has been to define points at which there was a measure of agreement between the two sides, and to try to extend areas of agreement by seeking greater clarity wherever there has been vagueness or obscurity, or wherever either side has hinted at the possibility of concession. The procedure has not produced rapid results, but it has kept the conference alive.

IN the case of Korea, at a moment when the formal sessions seemed to have reached a dead point, Mr Eden intervened with this aim. Making his first formal speech on the Korean question he pointed out that although the Communist proposals were unacceptable, there was, nevertheless, agreement on many points; for instance, that a unified Korea should be free to carry on its own affairs without foreign interference, but protected by appropriate guarantees from other countries. He also set out five basic principles for an agreed solution, including elections genuinely reflecting the will of the whole Korean people, taking into account the distribution of population between North and South, and held under international supervision. And on this last extremely controversial issue, he has put forward a compromise—that the supervision might be conducted by the United Nations countries which had not taken part in the Korean war. It cannot be claimed that any progress has been made in reaching a Korean agreement, but the British Foreign Secretary has clearly put the conference on the right road for a settlement. Similarly with Indo-China, Mr Eden got down to rock bottom essentials, and the basic questions which he directed to the nine-nation delegates provided the necessary starting point for Mr Molotov's five-point plan and M. Bidault's seven-point counter-proposals. The important thing to observe is that the delegates have been manoeuvred away from propaganda speeches and directed into something approaching real negotiations. What the final outcome will be it is still too early to forecast. But it is clear that on the United Nations side a genuine and strenuous effort is being made to achieve a negotiated settlement, and it is mainly due to Mr Eden's diplomacy that it has been proved possible to undertake this effort.

**Another Small Success**

From Derek Marks

Geneva, May 24. The most important aspect of today's meeting of the Indo-China conference was that discussions actually started on the question of a ceasefire. This is the first point of the agreed basis of negotiation. No decision has been reached or is yet in sight, but it is regarded as most encouraging that at last the conference is away from matters of procedure and is getting down to the actual business of restoring peace in Indo-China. Mr Eden arrived back here after the London Cabinet meeting only one hour before he took the chair at the Indo-China talks. And at once he secured another of those small successes which are keeping the conference alive, but not much more. He persuaded the Communists to add the disarming of guerrillas and the exchange of prisoners of war to the five-point plan which was agreed last Friday as the basis for negotiations.—London Express Service.

**Gary Crosby Injured In Car Crash YOUTH KILLED**

San Jose, Calif., May 24. Gary Crosby, 20-year-old son of crooner Bing Crosby, was injured early today and a Mexican national killed when young Crosby's car and another, carrying five Mexicans, collided on a busy Bayshore highway. The California Highway Patrol refused to release more details. Crosby was sent to hospital with contusions of the right knee. Attendants at O'Connor Hospital here declined to let the press talk to Crosby, whose condition was reported as "good". Nurses on his floor said, however, that he would not be discharged today. Dead was Felix Olvera, 24, of Santa Clara, a small college suburb of San Jose. Also sent to hospital were Jesus Hernandez, 30, driver of the second car, and three other passengers of the Hernandez car. Olvera was riding in the Hernandez car.

**FRIEND IN CAR** Riding with Crosby when his car and Hernandez's collided at the intersection of the Bayshore Highway and Lawrence Road was George Lebreux, 21, of Palo Alto. He was identified only as a friend of Crosby's. Highway patrol officers said they "believed" the two youths were returning to Palo Alto, where young Crosby is a Junior at Stanford University, following a double date. Lebreux received lacerations of the car and chest. He was released from O'Connor Hospital following emergency treatment. First reports from the Highway Patrol prior to their refusal to divulge further details pending full investigation, said the left front of Crosby's car was damaged and the right rear of Hernandez's car was also damaged.

Crosby was driving west on Bayshore, a highway speedway running between San Francisco and San Jose, and Hernandez was going South on Lawrence Road at the time of the collision. Young Crosby, a singer in his own right, only two weeks ago signed a radio contract as his famous father's summertime replacement.—United Press.

**A Little Progress Made At Geneva**

**DETAILS OF A CEASEFIRE TO BE DISCUSSED**

Geneva, May 24.

France introduced a compromise plan for ending the Indo-China peace talk deadlock today and won Communist agreement to start discussion tomorrow of the mechanics of a ceasefire.

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault submitted a seven-point plan on how to proceed in the Indo-China debate at the eighth session of the conference.

It appeared designed to skirt for the time being the key problem of how to arrange armistice in Laos and Cambodia separately from a settlement in Vietnam where most of the seven-year war has been fought.

M. Bidault presented a programme which paralleled the five-point plan of procedure submitted on Friday by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

The Molotov plan called for discussion, in order, of cessation of hostilities, zones for regrouping the rival forces, measures for banning foreign arms and forces, ceasefire controls and guarantees against violations.

The Bidault plan, French sources said, also starts with the same two points. However, the third point would be to consider disarmament of irregular forces. The French would insert the question of how to stop foreign shipments from coming to Indo-China between the ceasefire controls and the guarantees.

The only other difference is that the French plan includes a provision for exchange of prisoners of war—a proposal which was included in both the original French and Vietnamese programmes for ending the Indo-China war.

The Bidault plan avoided specific mention of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam and how to dislocate them. The French intention is to get negotiations started and to try to deal separately with each state under the various headings of the procedural plan.

French sources said that both Red China's Chou En-lai and Russia's Molotov were "interested" in the Bidault proposals and promised to give full consideration to them.

Molotov and Chou threw a scare into the conference when they launched the secret meeting this afternoon with new arguments supporting the political demands of Vietnam.

Mr Molotov vaguely talked of possibly having military and political discussions on alternate days but he quickly dropped this line after M. Bidault presented his proposals. The United States, Britain and France quickly squelched Molotov, noting that it was agreed at the previous meeting last Friday that the political problems should be shelved. Mr Molotov's intention, it was believed, was to remind the delegates that political problems are only put aside for the time being, but not forgotten.

In putting forwards his new proposals, M. Bidault gave a long analysis of the rival French and Vietnamese proposals. He noted that there were many common points in both and that the Soviet suggestions took cognisance of most.—United Press.

**MOVE OPPOSED**

Geneva, May 24. The three Communist powers urged at the nine-nation Indo-China peace talks here today that "both sides" in the Indo-China war should establish "direct contact" to end the fighting. But the Western powers opposed the move, conference sources said.

**M. Bidault's Predicament**

Geneva, May 24. M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, darted into a corner and stood with his face to the wall to avoid being photographed with Vietnamese Communist delegates today.

As he was leaving the conference building after a secret session on Indo-China, M. Bidault found himself in the same doorway as the Vietnamese delegates.

Photographers rushed forward, but M. Bidault was too quick. He turned and made for a corner where he remained till the Vietnamese delegates had driven off.

Then looking flushed and flustered, he came out and got into his own car taking an admonishing finger at his driver, apparently for not reaching the doorway sooner.—Reuter.

**Rebels Raise 72-Day Siege**

Paris, May 25. The Vietnamese have raised their 72-day siege of the post of Nam Tha, in northern Laos, according to a French High Command communique received here last night.

The Laotian garrison of the post near the Chinese frontier had been supplied by air and given air support since the Vietnamese surrounded them on March 13.

Reconnaissance parties from Nam Tha confirmed the withdrawal and reported that 55 Vietnamese dead had been left behind.

The Foreign Office announced last night that Madame Bidault, wife of the French Foreign Minister, would preside over a "liaison office for prisoners of war" set up during the week-end to speed news about French Union men captured in Indo-China.

Relatives of soldiers will be able to telephone the office for news and the names of between 4,000 and 5,000 soldiers reported by the Vietnamese as prisoners will be read over the French Radio tomorrow and on Wednesday.

Families of many men believed prisoners have had no news of them for seven years.—Reuter.

**Radioactive Rain On Sydney**

Sydney, May 24. Radioactive rain fell on Sydney yesterday, it was reported today.

Mild radioactivity was recorded by a firm of geiger counter manufacturers. The figure was 12 counts per minute, said 12 seiger counters gave abnormal readings similar to those recorded after the British atomic tests at Montebello.

"Under the circumstances, there is only one theory that is reasonable—that we were subjected to some sort of radioactive rain as a result of a hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific," Mr Davies said.

The amount of radioactivity recorded was not dangerous.—China Mail Special.

**Pay Increase For MPs**

London, May 24. Members of the British House of Commons tonight voted to give themselves a 50 per cent pay increase, making their salaries £1,500 a year.

The vote was 236 to 166. The House rejected by 276 votes a proposal for an alternative £2,000 a year increase allowable only by many Conservatives and the Government.

Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, allowed his party a "free vote" so that Conservatives could vote as they pleased on such a "personal matter".—Reuter.

**Singapore Students In Riots**



Police riot squads swinging 3 ft. clubs and rifle butts fought with 500 Chinese boys and girls in Singapore. Twenty of the schoolchildren were injured. Six police were stabbed and one was badly hurt by flying stones. The children were marching near Government House in a protest against the recently introduced three-year conscription. Police told them to disperse. They refused. Then the police charged. Picture shows: One policeman seizes a small Chinese student; another swings with his wicker shield.—London Express.

**Rocket Soars 158 Miles Into The Sky**

Washington, May 24. The Navy announced that a Viking rocket reached a record altitude of 158 miles above the earth at White Sands, New Mexico, today. The rocket was a Viking XI. It exceeded by 22 miles the record altitude established by three earlier versions of the Viking in 1951 and 1952.

The Viking is a test missile sent aloft with a load of instruments instead of a warhead. The instruments gathered information high in the atmosphere and transmit it to receiving stations at White Sands.

The Navy had no other details immediately on today's flight.

The Viking is manufactured by Glenn L. Martin Co. and powered by a Reaction Motors rocket.

It reached a high speed of 4,300 miles an hour today compared with 4,100 miles reached by earlier models.—United Press.

**PLANE CRASH**

San Antonio, May 24. At least two of the crew of a military C-46 plane were believed to have been killed when the plane crashed on a hillside 60 miles north of San Antonio yesterday, it was announced here today.

Debris of the plane, which crashed while on a flight from El Paso to San Antonio, were found this morning.

The aircraft had given no sign of life since last night.—France-Press.

**US Seventh Fleet Not To Expand Activities In The Pacific**

Washington, May 25.

The United States Navy does not intend to expand its existing commitments for the defence of the Chinese Nationalist island stronghold of Formosa.

This was the reaction in naval quarters here to reports from Formosa that the Nationalist leader, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, was proposing that the Seventh Fleet, now shielding the island, should extend its protection to a group of Nationalist-held islands off the China mainland.

The United States Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles Wilson, and General James Van Fleet, former United Nations commander in Korea, have conferred with the Generalissimo during their Far Eastern fact-finding tour.

Neither the Defence Department nor the Chinese Embassy here could confirm the accuracy of the report, which did not give any indication of the views of Mr Wilson or General Van Fleet.

But a naval spokesman told Reuters that, as ordered by President Eisenhower, the basic duty of the Seventh Fleet was to protect Formosa and neighbouring islands of strategic importance like the Pescadores group, from Communist attack, and there was no intention of changing the order to cover groups of islands closer to the mainland.

Asylum Sought By Red Officials

Berlin, May 24. Two highly placed East German Government officials were today reported to have fled to West Berlin last week. One of them was Hermann Dikmann, Minister of the Interior.—France-Press.

**NOT UNDULY WORRIED**

According to dispatches reaching Washington, the Nationalist authorities fear that this increased activity is the prelude to an assault on the outlying islands. Nationalist planes have recently been in action against the Communist ships and planes.

Defence Department officials here did not appear to be unduly worried about this activity. Significantly when Mr Wilson arrived in Hongkong after leaving Formosa, he was quoted as saying the clashes should be regarded in the category of "border incidents".

It was also noted here that only last week the Nationalist Army Chief of Staff, General Chou, had said the Nationalist forces were capable of handling the situation themselves. The Seventh Fleet was first sent to Formosa, writes a former President Truman after the outbreak of the Korean war in June 1950 to "neutralise" the island by preventing an attack on it by the mainland. Communist forces have since then been on the mainland.

**Composer Forgot His Working Permit**

London, May 24. Immigration officials detained the famous Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky when he arrived here today from Geneva because he had no work permit.

Stravinsky came to London to receive a Gold Medal from the Royal Philharmonic Society on Thursday. Officials said there was nothing wrong with that, but he also planned to conduct the orchestra afterwards. Conducting an orchestra is work and work in Britain

requires a labour permit.

The 71-year-old musician, now an American citizen, turned while Immigration officials went over their regulations. The Ministry of Labour was telephoned. Airport authorities also checked Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Music, and one of Britain's leading musicians.

Finally, the officials decided to let Stravinsky into the country but they warned him to get

his labour permit if he wanted to conduct.

Stravinsky was baffled by the whole affair.

"I do not know what will happen as the permit should have been arranged before I flew in," he said. "I want very much to conduct in the new Festival Hall and I hope the matter can be sorted out."

Labour Ministry officials declined to comment tonight, but observed, believed Stravinsky might get his permit tomorrow.—United Press.

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## Member Abandons Attack On Laniel Cabinet

### Joyful News For A Mother

Nancy, May 24. The despair of the mother of one of the defectors of Dien Bien Phu was turned into joy this weekend when she learned that her sergeant son had managed to walk for "days and days," finally to reach the safety of a French post in Laos.

In a letter dated May 18, Mme Mathieu of Nancy learned that her 27-year-old son, Andre, reported "presumed missing," was "all in" when he reached Laos.

Andre has been sent to a rest centre in Hanoi.

In a letter dated April 17, the sergeant notified his family that he had been assigned to Dien Bien Phu.

This was the last news from him till his letter after his escape from the fallen French Union fortress. — France-Press.

### US Promise Of "No Dumping"

Washington, May 24. The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ezra Benson, said today the United States was not going to disrupt world prices by dumping its surplus commodities and surplus dairy products on world markets.

Mr. Benson told a press conference there was nothing revolutionary in the Agriculture Department's programme for its surplus commodities and dairy products at prices competitive with world prices.

The United States, Mr. Benson said, expected to make some sales. But the sales would be gradual, he added. "The Agriculture Department's policy is not to disrupt world prices and world markets."

Mr. Benson said that the agricultural missions sent abroad last month were winding up their tours at Europe, the Far East and South America and were scheduled to return on the first of June.

In progress reports to the Department, he said these missions reported that there was a marked demand for United States commodities and dairy products.

**NOT OVERNIGHT**

The United States was interested in getting a market for its products, but these sales would not be revolutionary nor would they be made overnight. The sales would come about gradually, Mr. Benson said.

But he said he could see no reason why the United States had not previously sold its commodities at world prices. He was alluding to the long-time practice of Democratic administrations, which was followed by the Eisenhower Administration until just recently, in offering surplus commodities for sale at domestic prices. The domestic prices were almost always higher than world prices.

Questioned about the Department's new programme, announced last Thursday, of selling surplus maize, rice, oats and barley from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks to American exporters for sales abroad at world prices, Mr. Benson said he did not expect "great quantities" of these commodities to be sold.

United States exports of maize did not amount to too much, Mr. Benson said. The ten-year average exports were 50 million bushels. Sales of Commodity Credit Corporation maize probably "would be about that figure," he added. — Reuter.

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## British Stand At Geneva Has "Tonic Effect"

Paris, May 24. The French Government has been saved from another dangerous Parliamentary attack by today's reports of a decision by the British Cabinet not to allow the Geneva talks to be spun out while Communist armies step up pressure in Indo-China.

M. Pierre Andre, ultra Nationalist member of the French Assembly, announced he had decided to abandon his intentions of forcing an Indo-China debate tomorrow in view of the British attitude.

During the weekend, some quarters feared the Government was "doomed," but reports of the British Cabinet meeting have had a tonic effect on French politicians.

It is generally felt that this week is critical in Geneva and even the most determined enemies of the Government are hesitant about provoking a crisis.

It, therefore, seems likely that tomorrow night will pass without incident in the Assembly.

After that, the Assembly adjourns until next week.

There was some dissatisfaction that M. Bidault, the Foreign Secretary, did not report to a full Cabinet meeting while he was here over the weekend, but the talks he had with M. Laniel, the Prime Minister, and other ministers, seem to have reinforced his personal position.

**CONFIDENT OF PEACE**

According to the Parliamentary correspondent of Le Monde, M. Bidault told fellow ministers he was confident of the peaceful outcome of the Geneva talks.

Another argument against embarking on the Government at the present is that it must have time to study and implement the report of General Ely, Chief of General Staff of the French forces, who is due in Paris tomorrow morning from Indo-China.

His recommendations are understood to deal with reinforcements for Indo-China and the concentration of French troops in certain areas.

General Ely was originally due here at noon today, but was delayed in Karachi owing to engine trouble, according to a French news agency dispatch. — Reuter.

### Tried Twice To Destroy His Criminal Record

Lisbon, Portugal, May 24. A man confessed in court at a small town near here that two years ago he twice set fire to the municipal buildings to destroy filed details of his criminal record.

He said he wanted to obtain an official certificate that he had committed no crimes so that he could get a passport and emigrate to Brazil.

The first fire was in the wrong part of the building so a month later he tried again and picked the right department but though hundreds of criminal records were destroyed his were not. He was sent to prison. — China Mail Special.

### He Loved 485 Women

Lisbon, Portugal, May 25. Senhor Jose Marques Canhoto, celebrating his 103rd birthday, told reporters he had "at different times fallen in love with 485 women."

But only one of them persuaded him to marry her—when he was 90.

The centenarian has never been ill, he claimed. He worked as a farm hand for 90 years. — China Mail Special.

### America Must Build 60 Ships A Year

Washington, May 24. Representative Thor C. Tollefson introduced legislation today calling for the construction of 60 cargo and cargo-passenger ships a year in the United States.

Mr. Tollefson is acting chairman of the House Merchant Marine Committee. He said that "an immediate ship construction programme is vital to the national defence of our country."

"Because of the lack of cargo and troop carrying vessels prior to World War II we almost lost the war," Mr. Tollefson said. "The war was prolonged because we did not have enough ships. The consequent cost in men and supplies lost was immeasurable."

He said that the Committee was informed that the Russians have "350 ready-to-go submarines," six times as many as the Germans had at the beginning of World War II.

"We must not make the same mistakes we made in both world wars through neglect of our merchant marine," he said. "Ref arms and ammunition at present being sent to Guatemala point up the vulnerability of the Panama Canal. Should anything happen to the Canal our need for fast, modern ships to serve both our coasts would be multiplied." — United Press.

## No Further Approach By Burma For Aid

Washington, May 24. American officials said today that Burma would have to make a formal request for resumption of United States economic or technical aid before the matter was given any consideration here.

They denied Hangoon reports that the United States had offered to renew aid to Burma. The United States position is that since Burma took the initiative in terminating the American Technical Assistance Programme in June, 1953, it was up to the Burmese Government to take the first step.

So far Burma has not made any request and United States officials have not made any offer, they added.

Indications are that the Administration would be disposed to give favourable consideration to any Burmese request for renewed aid. However, Burma's action last year in refusing further aid still rankles with American diplomats and the Government will insist on a formal approach before it considers the matter.

Burma was allotted a total of about \$31,000,000, principally in technical assistance, for 1951, 1952 and 1953. A bit more than one-half of this money actually had been spent when the programme was terminated at Burma's request.

However, Burma has used her own funds to continue some of the projects started by the United States and is employing American and British technicians for the work.

Most officials here recognised that Burma's action in refusing more American aid was because of a combination of domestic political circumstances.

It is recognised that the removal of most of the refugee Chinese Nationalist troops from Burmese soil has cleared the atmosphere in one respect and the Government's increasing solidarity has made it possible for it to assess matters with somewhat more detachment. — United Press.

### Airship's Record

Lakehurst, May 24. An American airship today broke the world endurance record for a crew and aircraft by remaining aloft without refuelling for 177 hours, the United States Navy announced. — China Mail Special.

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## SEQUEL TO ARMS SHIPMENT

Stockholm, May 24. Captain Knud Norden-dorph, Director of the firm owning the Swedish freighter Alfhem, said today he had cancelled his contract with the Swedish firm, Navigation Limited, because the Alfhem carried arms to Guatemala in violation of the charter contract.

Mr. Norden-dorph said his charter contract was with the Swedish firm, Navigation Limited of Stockholm and he had no charter contract with any British firm.

He said that according to his contract, only one authorised person was to be on board the Alfhem and the condition excluded any other person.

Mr. Norden-dorph said he had no doubt that the British agents were not involved in any way. — Reuters.

## Heavy Toll Of Terrorists

Nairobi, May 24. East Africa Headquarters announced today that 124 Mau Mau terrorists had been killed in the week ending on Saturday. Eight terrorists were captured or wounded. Nine Mau Mau suspects were detained in various engagements with security forces.

Security forces lost one European killed and two wounded. Four Africans of the security forces were killed and six wounded.

Civilian casualties included one European killed, one wounded and 22 local Africans killed. — Reuters.

## The Habits Of Judges

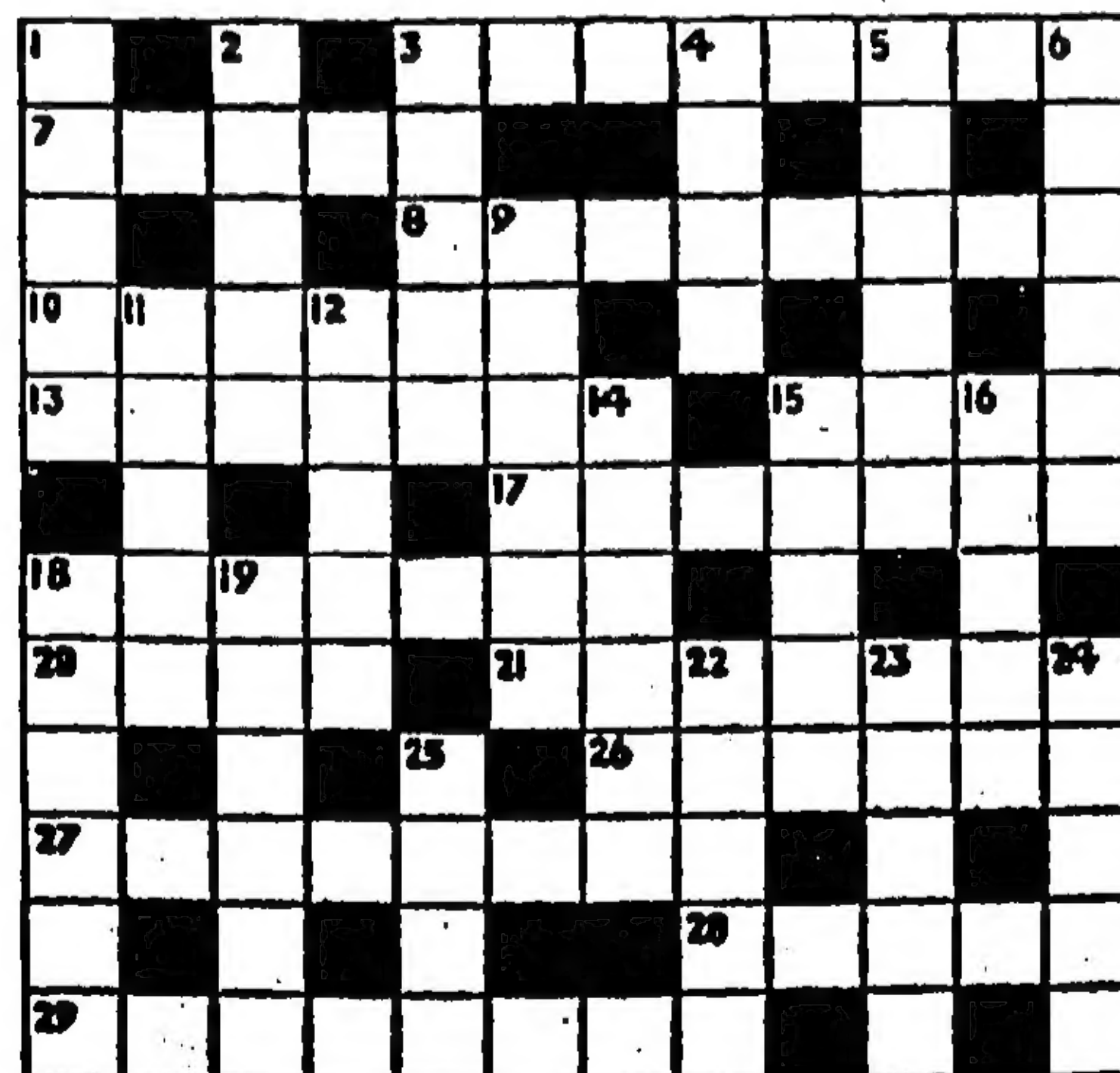
Copenhagen, May 25. Judge J. Ulrich, of Viborg, Jutland, has made a name for himself by insisting upon the correct demeanour of everyone in the criminal court over which he presides.

One thing he cannot stand is chewing gum. Witnesses, police and even lawyers are closely watched for any unexplained movement of the jaws.

If they are chewing gum they must take out the offending morsel at once.

Some Danish judges even object to persons in court crossing their legs, or lounging on the benches. — China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**  
3 Waggoner (8).  
7 Proportion (5).  
8 Ferret supporter (8).  
10 Unjust (6).  
13 Shotgun (7).  
15 Small-like (4).  
17 Smiles affectedly (7).  
18 Young hare (7).  
20 Parched (4).  
21 Raged (7).  
22 Complete (6).  
27 Providers of food, etc. (8).  
28 Banish (5).  
29 Very loud (8).

**DOWN**  
1 Criminal deception (5).  
2 Baton (5).  
3 Subject (5).  
4 Dumb (4).  
5 Struggle (6).  
6 Renovator (8).  
9 Gets up (6).  
11 At no time (5).  
12 Helped (5).  
14 Giggle (5).  
16 Accelerate (8).  
18 Boast (5).  
19 Weapons (6).  
20 Conqueror (6).  
22 Attack (5).  
23 Ape (5).  
24 Submit to (8).  
25 Jab (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.** — Across: 1 Madcap, 5 Vale, 9 Cream, 10 Lucid, 11 Spill, 12 Rich, 13 Seal, 14 Assets, 15 Leaves, 16 Scene, 17 Flips, 18 Drap, 19 Stout, 20 Elated, 21 Heals, 22 Groed, 23 Tended, Down: 1 Matriarch, 2 Domicile, 3 Acts, 4 Propose, 5 Valises, 6 Amulet, 7 Spill, 8 Assisted, 9 Subsidised, 10 Averted, 17 Serpent, 18 Darts, 19 Cauter, 24 Lila.

## Rang Church Bells 10 Hours Too Early

Baltimore, Maryland, May 24. Two ship riggers startled the parish of a South Baltimore Church by ringing the Church bells about 10 hours too early for service yesterday.

They were quickly hauled away from their belfry music-making to jail after awakening the priest and most members of the parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. A crowd of about 250 gathered at the Church in the early morning hours to watch the ship riggers, George Silskorne and Martin Roberts, clang the bells on the 150-foot high tower.

Two policemen edged their way across the roof to grab the men while another 25 were keeping the crowd in order.

The happy bell-ringers almost lost their footing in trying to evade the Police but were finally captured and taken to the city jail where they were given 30-day sentences. — United Press.

## 63-Mile Hike On Her 63rd Birthday

Toronto, Ontario, May 24. Canada's No. 1 Lady Justice, Mrs. J. J. Macdonald, 63, of Toronto, started her annual 63-mile hike today and offered \$10 to anyone who sees her.

Every year the little grey-haired lady makes her birthday hike on May 24—no matter how hot or cold it is.

This morning she hiked 63 miles outside Toronto and started walking back. She expected to reach Sunnyvale, on the outskirts of the city, sometime this evening. About 15,000 persons were expected to be waiting to greet her as in past years.

This year she challenged the fighting female population of Toronto to accompany her, but got no takers. She said: "I think the women of Toronto are a bunch of sissies." — United Press.

Washington, May 24. The State Department announced today that the United States was sending military equipment to Nicaragua and Honduras.

Mr. Lincoln White, State Department press officer, told reporters in reply to questions that this programme was "in implementation" of mutual defence assistance agreements recently signed with the two countries. — Reuters.

## NATO Report On Growth Of Iron Curtain Forces 20,000 PLANES AND 300 SUBMARINES

Paris, May 24. The Soviet bloc has "developed a strong capability in the special fields of atomic, chemical and biological warfare," the NATO Military Command announced today. It has six million men under arms.

A report on current Soviet military potential was distributed by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe, after addressing the SHAPE Correspondents Association.

The report, which gave no details of the Communist progress, in mass destruction techniques, made the following points.

1. From 1947 up till now, the Soviet ground strength of 175 divisions had remained fairly constant. But significant changes have been made in the fighting potential of these divisions through mechanisation and increased mobility and firepower.

2. Russia and her European allies have over 6,000,000 men under arms kept at a high state of readiness through rigorous training.

3. The forces of East European Soviet allies, almost doubled since 1947, comprise about 80 divisions.

4. Russia has a spearhead of 22 armoured divisions in East Germany. Behind this spearhead 60 Soviet divisions are stationed in East Europe and Western Russia in addition to her allies troops.

5. The Communists could mobilise 400 divisions within 30 days of declaring general mobilisation.

6. The Soviet Union has stabilised her air force numerically in recent years at about 20,000 planes. But almost all of her fighters and two-thirds of their light bombers are now jets.

7. Apart from planes, the Soviet Union has improved the fighting quality of its force through a comprehensive training programme. The air forces of other East European Communist countries have also been greatly strengthened—both by being numerically doubled and by increasing the number of jet aircraft to half their total.

8. In the past three years, the number of aircraft in East Europe, which will accommodate jets had been tripled. Recent attention has been concentrated on air with extra long runways for the heaviest bombers.

The growing system of airfields, anti-aircraft and warning systems "are rapidly becoming capable of providing an effective air defence belt along the western perimeter of the USSR."

9. Russia's potential for the use of airborne troops and weapons has improved.

10. The principal Soviet naval strength lies in their submarines of which there are more than 300. About half are large or medium ocean-going types and more are being built. The marine stockpiles plus their "considerable air and naval mine-laying capability constitute a growing threat."

11. "Full credit must be given the Soviet bloc for having developed a strong capability in the special field of atomic, chemical and biological warfare as well as in the field of guided missiles."

12. "The Soviet economy has maintained a level of military production sufficient to provide equipment and supplies for the Soviet and satellite forces and still pursue a programme of stockpiles." — Reuters.

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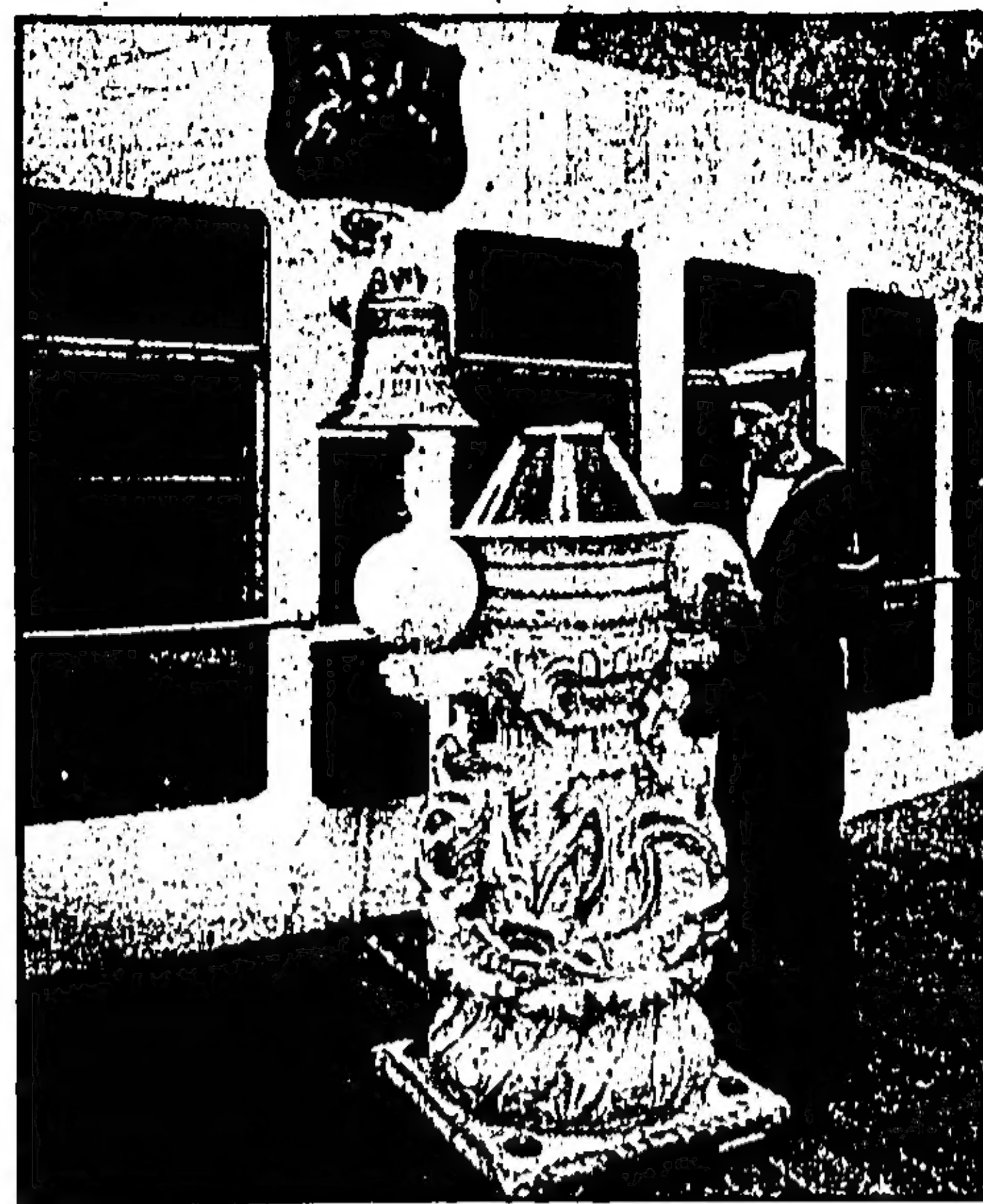
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The royal yacht "Britannia" which brought Queen Elizabeth and her family back to London last week, is now moored in the Pool of London. On the after deck of the yacht is this magnificently carved magnetic compass, which came from the royal yacht called "Royal George" in 1817 and then passed on to its successor, the "Victoria and Albert". Above it is the ship's bell, over which is the royal coat of arms. — Express Photo.

## Dien Bien Phu Heroine Wanted To Look Her Best

## Genevieve Returned To Hanoi With Borrowed Lipstick

Hanoi, May 24. Returned wounded French Union troops today told of the heroism of the "Angel of Dien Bien Phu," 29-year-old nurse Genevieve de Galard-Terraube, after the French High Command had said Genevieve could not speak to the press as she was very tired.

"Hats off to Mademoiselle" was a phrase repeated by countless repatriated prisoners following the return from rebel captivity of the nurse in a male parachutist uniform.

A Foreign Legion soldier, Hans Heins, whose legs and left arm had been amputated, paid this tribute to her: "She did not seem to worry about the nauseating smell in the tents, about the sweltering heat — she was around day and night to look after us."

Despite the moans and shrieks of the wounded tossing in their cots, Mademoiselle kept her cheerful smile and had a kind word for everyone. She was obviously exhausted but she just kept going.

Other evacuated wounded told how she had become so thin during the past few weeks that she had been nicknamed "Kocam," the Vietnamese for toothpick.

Her worst time, according to the returned wounded, was after the Vietnamese victory, when she had to watch powerless the sufferings of hundreds of men left unattended for many days, operated on without anaesthetics and lacking all essential medical supplies.

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**NO STOCKINGS**  
She wore canvas boots, but had no stockings.

Thirty Algerian guards drew bayonets and pointed and threatened journalists and photographers who crowded round to speak to her.

Genevieve was trapped in Dien Bien Phu when a Vietnamese shell crippled her helicopter ambulance.

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## Pressurisation Test For The Comet In A Tank Of Water

London, May 24. British engineers plan to put a Comet jet air-liner into a tank of water and pump air into the fuselage until it blows up or proves it can stand up to fantastic pressure, it was disclosed today.

The fact that scientists were prepared to sacrifice an expensive aeroplane for this test suggested that they suspect the Comet's pressurisation system may hold answers to the chain of crashes that grounded the plane.

A spokesman for the British Ministry of Supply confirmed that the "balloon test" will be held at the Government's Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough soon.

British Overseas Airways Corporation has made available to the Farnborough testers one of its fleet of Comets that only a few months ago was hauling passengers.

The Comet cost BOAC in the neighbourhood of £200,000 but the airline is turning it in for guinea-pig work in the hope of solving the greatest mystery of the jet age.

The Ministry of Supply spokesman said air would be forced into the sealed and submerged Comet until something gave—or until the aeroplane withstood enormous stresses far exceeding conceivable pressures in flight.

The plane would be submerged as a safety factor, he said. If dangerously high air pressure were pumped up inside the sealed aeroplane standing on a runway in the open air, it might conceivably detonate like a bomb in a spray of flying metal.

**THE WEAK POINT**  
In water, any point in the fuselage that yielded to the pressure would be generally localised—and there would be more chance of finding any weakness developing.

This weak point—if any—was what the Farnborough engineers were hunting as a possible pointer to some pressurisation failure that might have sent two Comets crashing into the Mediterranean this year.

The Comets cannot fly commercially again until the cause is found.

The Ministry of Supply spokesman said that the underwater test is "not aimed primarily at blowing up the aeroplane." It would be well held fast under air pressures far exceeding anything it would encounter in flight. Thus, the researchers could strike off another possible cause of the crashes.

But he said that the pressure pumped up inside the Comet "obviously" would be tremendously higher than the ordinary safety factor. "So we're putting it under water for the test for safety's sake," he said.

Similar underwater tests have been held previously on prototypes of other pressurised aeroplanes, the spokesman said. — United Press.

## ACTOR'S SON ARRESTED

New York, May 24. Edward G. Robinson, Jr., 21, was jailed on a drunk charge today following a disturbance call at a West Los Angeles apartment.

The police said the son of the actor and another man were arrested on charges of being drunk.

They said the two were found in front of the apartment, drunk and boisterous. The other man was identified as Joseph C. Condict, 44. — United Press.

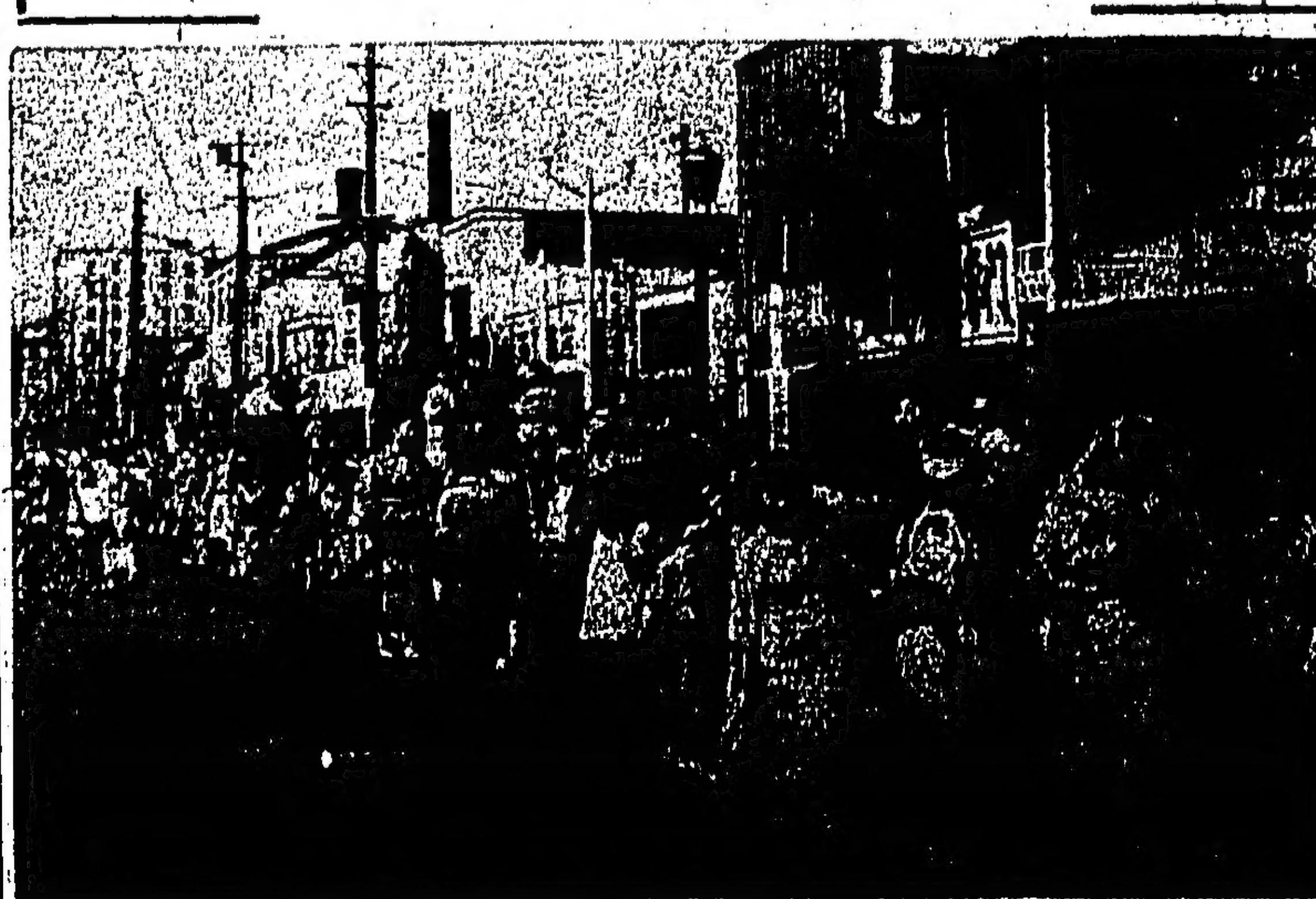
## Author's Appeal Against Death Sentence Rejected

San Rafael, Calif., May 24. Caryl Chessman, author of the best-seller "Cell 2455 Death Row," learned today his appeal against the death sentence for kidnapping and rape had been rejected.

Chessman, aged 42, wrote his life story in prison while awaiting execution and named his book after the number of his cell.

His lawyer announced he would appeal to the Supreme Court of the State of California and to the US Supreme Court. — France-Press.

## SUMMER FESTIVAL IN JAPAN



A group of happy Japanese youngsters seen during one of the many street processions held in Tokyo marking the advent of summer. May is traditionally the children's month and many events are held throughout the country especially for the children. — Express Photo.

## TV Will Help US Police Wage War On Crime

New York May 25. New York police are experimenting with television as a means of combating crime and solving traffic problems. The first telecast was of a line-up of five "criminals" — detectives dressed up to look the part.

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# BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS MIGRATION IN COMMONWEALTH

By Patrick Gordon Walker, MP

THE problems of migration present a real challenge to the Commonwealth. But we must begin to look at these problems with new eyes and drop a lot of out-of-date prejudices and slogans.

Let's get one thing straight, right away. Britain, like other Commonwealth countries, wants to keep her population up. It always annoys me to hear Australians, Canadians and some Englishmen talk as if it would be a kind service to Britain to take away half its population.

## Unity, Cohesion

NOTHING of the sort. If Britain and her affairs prosper, she will have a permanent shortage of labour. If all sorts were Britain to reduce her population to the level at which she could largely feed and support herself, she would be a fifth-rate power. And that would certainly not be to the benefit of the Commonwealth as a whole. The Commonwealth needs a strong and populous Britain to exercise direct influence in Europe when remains one of the world's danger spots.

The truth is that Britain is in favour of migration only because she is a Member of the Commonwealth. Otherwise it would not be in her interest. Britain accepts without question

the urgent necessity to develop the resources of the Commonwealth and recognises that, as far as possible, the increased populations needed for this should be British. For such migration will help to maintain the unity and cohesion of the Commonwealth.

But this involves a service by Britain to the Commonwealth countries and not vice versa.

Migration not only means a severe tax on the resources of the receiving country, which must provide housing, schools, roads and working equipment. It is a severe tax on Britain. Under the welfare state it costs a great deal to take and rear children till they are 16 or 20 if they then emigrate to the receiving country gets the full benefit.

Britain is very ready to make this contribution to the Commonwealth. But there must be limits to it.

multi-national Commonwealth will be carried still further.

One special British interest that is often ignored is that there should be a good cross-section of emigration—the children and old people should go as well as the young men in their full vigour. Britain doesn't want to be left with a population of even more aged people than she shall in any case be faced with. Australia has dated pretty well into such a policy and has taken a good proportion of dependants. But Canada and New Zealand both tend to take a very high proportion of skilled and young people. Of course no compulsion can be used; Britain must rely on propaganda and persuasion. There ought to be much better co-ordination between Commonwealth governments over this.

## Bigger Problem

COMMONWEALTH migration is a much more complicated problem than many people think who gladly talk about a Commonwealth Conference to work out a master plan. Different Commonwealth countries have very different attitudes. Canada must always consider the feelings of its French-speaking and other non-British citizens. The present South African Government has brought about a sharp reduction in the number of British immigrants—between 1948 and 1949 the percentage fell from 88 to 56.

Then emigration from Britain is only part of a bigger problem. There are, for instance, some 3,000,000 overseas Indians, most of them in other Commonwealth countries. Difficulties have arisen between India and Ceylon and South Africa.

One other aspect of Commonwealth migration is often overlooked. This is the number of people who spend part or all of their working lives in another Commonwealth country. There are today more British in India and Pakistan than before independence and more Indians and Pakistanis in Britain.

In Britain we welcome this interchange between us and the Asian countries of the Commonwealth. We would like to see it extended to other countries in the Commonwealth. And we are proud of the large numbers of people from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa who enrich our national life by spending the best part of their lives with us.

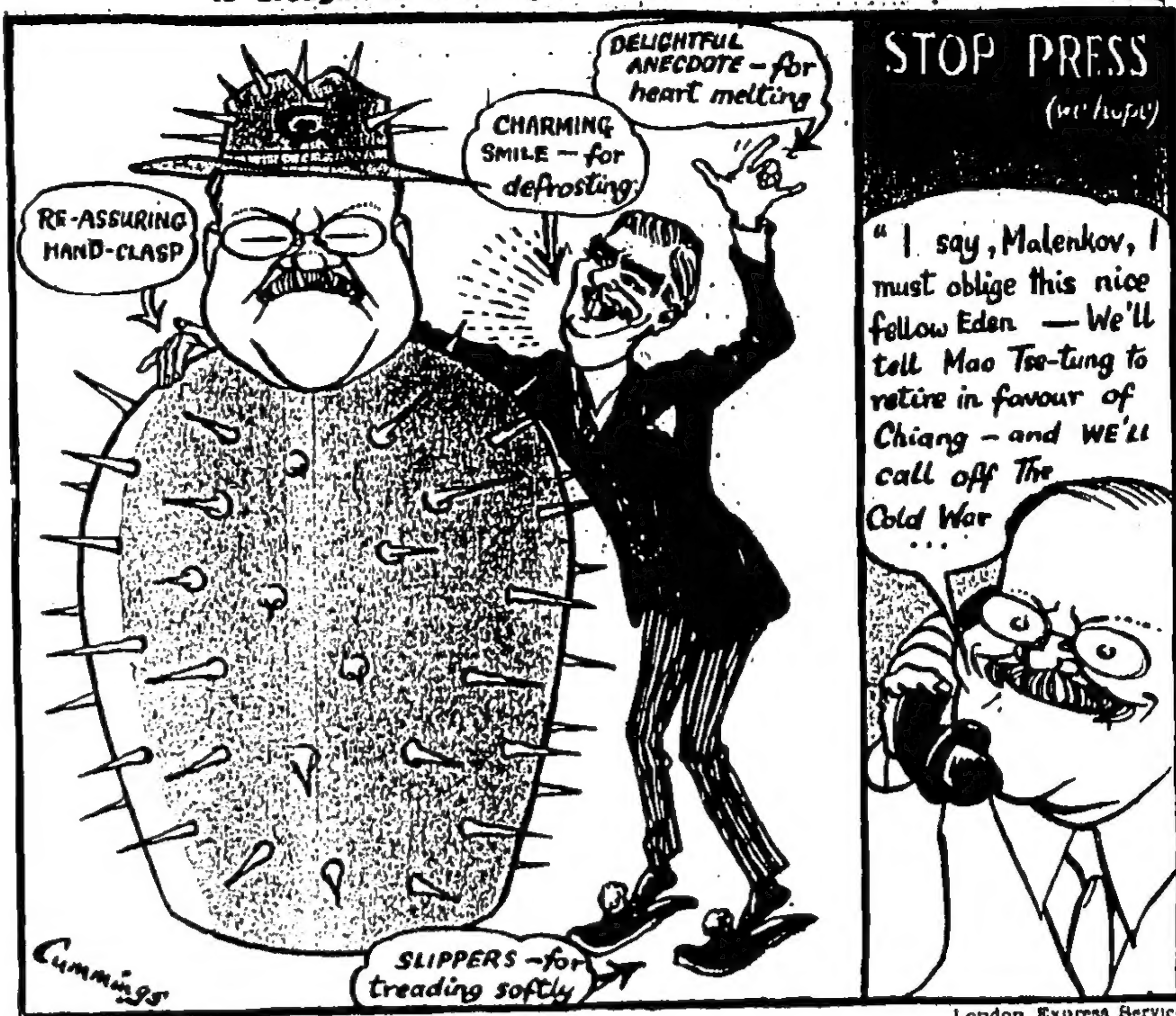
## Big Sacrifice

IT is sheer nonsense to think that all this increase can come from the British Isles. The Royal Commission on Population reckoned that the most Britain could afford will be an average outflow of about 100,000 a year. Even that will be a big sacrifice by Britain. It would reduce her population by seven per cent in the next 20 years.

Let's squarely face what this means. Only about half of the immigration into Canada and Australia will come from Britain. This pattern is already pretty firmly established. Britain supplied just half the immigrants into Australia between 1945 and 1953 and less than half the immigrants into Canada.

This faces these two countries with a serious problem of assimilation. Australia will become gradually less overwhelmingly British; in Canada the less than half the population is British today. If British ways of life and democracy are to be firmly maintained, this will now depend as much upon the vigorous leadership of these Commonwealth countries as upon the flow of people from Britain. The steady evolution of a multi-racial as well as a

## CHARMS AND THE MAN: A new weapon is brought to bear against the Geneva stronghold



## THE WAR IN THE AIR

By JAMES WICKENDEN

London. TV TOOK the bloom off films. The cinema replied with 3D and the wide screen. Now colour TV is in sight and the battle grows hotter. Commercial TV will bring it to a peak. But the Cinderella of entertainment is sound radio.

It cannot extend into new dimensions or colour. Radio reception is becoming more difficult. The air is crowded with new or more powerful stations. More than 700 of them beam programmes at Britain from overseas.

A war in the air has begun and sound radio seems to have no defence—or has it?

Some backroom boys think it has. They are talking enthusiastically about "Hi-Fi" reception through VHF with FM; double-dutch which at least beats the cryptic terms of the latest on the screen.

## Not A Mystery

Hi-Fi is not a mystery. Disc enthusiasts know it to be near-perfect reproduction of music and song.

High Fidelity—its full title—is only possible through costly equipment. But even an ordinary set might approach Hi-Fi if signals from radio stations came through crystal clear.

The new weapon of the air is VHF plus FM—Very High Frequency with Frequency Modulation. This means short wave transmission to avoid the crowding of our familiar medium and long wave-bands.

Frequency Modulation is the real secret of the new system. Like Hi-Fi record playing, it has become a craze in the USA. With FM short wave reception is vastly improved. It is the opposite of AM or Amplitude Modulation which the BBC uses at present.

Both of them are methods of sending out wireless waves. To visualise them think of a violin or any other stringed instrument.

AM, the old method of broadcasting, was like playing on a one-stringed instrument. The string represents the wireless wave. To alter the sound a finger is slid up and down the string.

## Many Waves

In other words the different sounds of voices, music and so on had to travel on one string or wave according to the amount of modulation or "vibration" given to the wave. But in FM the modulation is produced by playing on a number of waves. Each wave deals with a separate kind of noise. It is like a many stringed instrument, each string giving a different note.

By sending out different types of sound over several waves instead of one, it seems obvious that reception will be clearer. The difference, in fact, is very noticeable. So Frequency Modulation will be to radio what 3D is to films—it will increase the illusion of reality.

And when it comes it will not be so costly as changing over to a colour TV set. Manufacturers expect that ordinary sets could be adapted with a small attachment costing about £8. For those still willing to put up with interference, radio stations will keep the medium and long-wave programmes going.

But it will be some time before sound radio answers back like this. In Britain it was only recently that a committee under the Postmaster-General recommended VHF with FM.

THIS BOY is in peril but as the hunt to find him begins its eighth day —



## A Women Says: I Can Save Tony

The police are hunting for 10-year-old TONY ROWE, kidnapped after seeing his mother murdered. He has an illness which will kill him unless he is given an injection; and his father, GEORGE ROWE, may hang, for he has been arrested for the murder. Superintendent STANLEY, of Scotland Yard, seeks the help of bookmaker JOE TRENT to find the boy. HARRY THRAKE who knows where Tony is. Then Thrake is murdered and the inspector is waylaid, in his hotel room, by a woman who says: "I can help you find Tony."

By LEONARD MOSLEY

RELEASED myself from the arms that were encircling me, and leaned over and shut the door.

"All right, relax," I said. I took the key from the outside of the door and locked it from the inside. Only then did I switch on the light.

When I turned round she had gone over to the dressing table and was rearranging her ruffled hair. And watching me, at the same time, I noticed, through the mirror.

She was wearing a black and white check raincoat but it did not conceal the full shapeliness of her figure. A small white hat emphasised the raven colour of her hair. The large eyes stared like black orbs out of a pale face. She was very lovely. I said: "You didn't come here to powder your nose. And I haven't any time to waste on stray women. So start talking, Miss What's-your-name. And what have you to tell me about Tony Rowe?"

"My name," she replied, after a pause, "is Isabella—Isabella Thrake. Yes, I was the wife of Harry Thrake, who was murdered this afternoon. If you were a TV fan you would also recognise me as one of the acrobatic dancers who came from Spain to dance in Cato Continental twice last year. "That was when I met Harry Thrake, and let him talk me into marrying him. It was the most stupid thing I ever did. "Didn't you know he was a crook?" I asked. "No," she said. "I just knew he was charming, attentive. It was only one night when he took me to a night club and introduced me to Diana Rowe, and then, between them, they explained what I was supposed to do. It was only then I realised what sort of man I had married. I loved him, and he was prepared to live off me."

A little colour had come into her cheeks, but it went again as she said: "But you don't need to know about me, Superintendent. Except that nowadays I work as a fortune-teller on the racetracks. You want to know about Tony Rowe?"

I said: "About Tony Rowe—and about his mother too. There's a man named George Rowe under arrest for the murder of Diana Rowe. What do you know about it?" "Only that George Rowe didn't kill her," she said. "Then who did?" "She ignored my question. "She deserved to die, that woman," she said. "She was a filthy woman. She ill-treated that frail, lonely boy. She cheated and lied."

I went up to her and gripped her by the arm. "Keep talking, Mrs Thrake. But you're going to do your talking at the police station. I want a statement out of you. I think you know who killed Diana Rowe, and I think you know where Tony is."

She looked me straight in the eyes, coolly, confidently. "If you take me to the police station and keep me there," said Isabella Thrake, "I shall refuse to say anything more. And you know what that means, don't you? Three more days and Tony Rowe will be dead."

"Are you making conditions?" "Yes," she said, and looked thoughtfully at the red mark where I had gripped her hand. "And what are they?" "That we wait in this room until tomorrow. "I don't understand," I said. "If this is some stupid trick..." "It is no trick," she replied. "But you will have to trust me, Superintendent. There is someone I wish to protect, and I can do that only by giving him a chance to get clear of — of suspicious circumstances. And that will not be until tomorrow night."

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## TOMORROW: The finding of Tony Rowe

A CORRESPONDENT MAKES A WELCOME DISCOVERY:—

## U.S. Officials Wear Kid Gloves

By FRED MANOR

NEW YORK. HARD words have often been written about American immigration laws, about the way people are said to be treated by U.S. Immigration officers, and about the alleged lack of courtesy shown by American Customs officials.

Well, I have just witnessed the disembarkation of a shipload of passengers from a transatlantic liner. There were almost 600 people on board. The whole operation took less than an hour, and the Immigration authorities could not have been more courteous or more efficient.

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How would the girl find the bus terminus in New York? In the end he took the girl's ticket, and went in search of the representatives of a women's voluntary organisation, whose members board each incoming ship. He explained to them the girl's predicament, and the ladies of this organisation took over from then on.

It was the same with the Customs. To protect domestic fruit from disease, it is forbidden to import fruit into the United States. A group of young Swedish farmer boys, who arrived in the U.S. to study agriculture, had a suitcase stuffed with oranges and apples, a genial Customs official waited patiently while the boys ate up all their fruit, and then cleared them through the Customs without any further ado.

I had also read about the abruptness of New Yorkers, who are said to be always too busy to have time for "thank you" or "please." I have found

nothing but exquisite good manners. A girl, phone operator on an Airline Exchange, who went out of her way to telephone to other Companies to find me a seat, apologised profusely for having kept me waiting.

A British couple whom I met shortly afterwards confirmed my impression. They told me that whenever they asked for directions in the street, people would just take them to their destination, and more often than not offered them lifts in their cars.

Much of the courtesy arises from the fierce competitive spirit which exists in business. This is nowhere so evident, as when travelling by air. Because competition between airlines is heavy, a passenger is a highly valued customer, and even on the cheap "tourist" flights, he is pampered as nowhere in Europe.

The first impact which hits (almost physically), a new-comer to America is the mood

of robust optimism that prevails, and the impression of hard work.

I was met at the quay by an old friend of mine. In 1943 he had escaped in an adventurous manner from Nazi-occupied Europe, and had ended up in America. He had arrived there with a paper suitcase that contained just one pair of old socks.

He met me with a 1954 model of one of those "push-button" American cars that look as long as a street when you view it from the tip of its bonnet. He told me he buys a new model every year. It costs "only" £2800 by trading in his old car.

It was a Sunday, and he was genuinely pleased to see me, but towards noon he began toidget, and eventually explained that he had to go back to business.

Undoubtedly people make big money in America, but they have to work extremely hard for it. There is no five-day, 40-hour week for those who want to get ahead. But the rewards are spectacular.

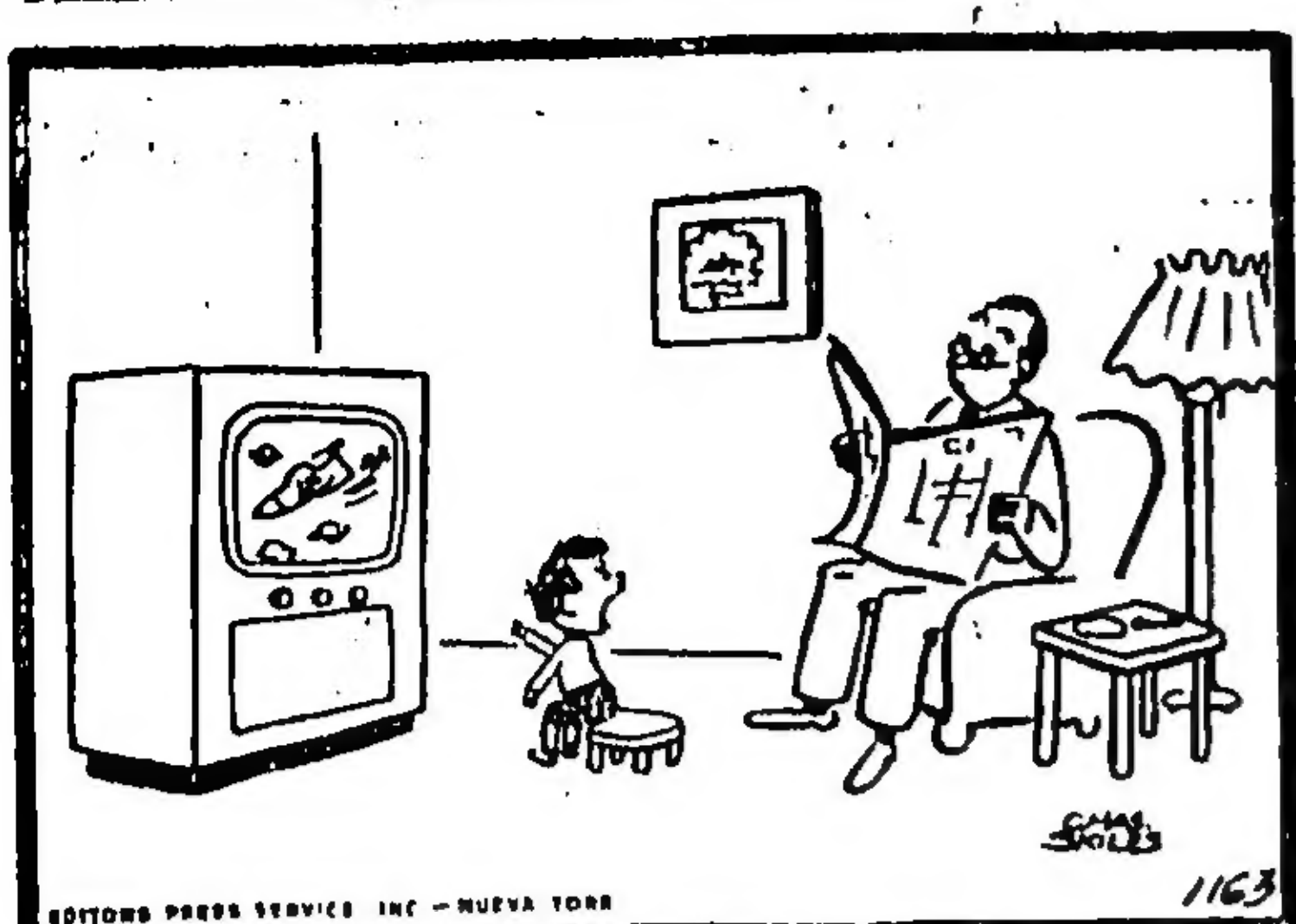
## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"If these light-hearted U.S. scientists aren't careful they're going to find themselves short of a world to hold World War III in!"







## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE inventor of a film-screen which would permit an audience to sit in a circular theatre and be completely surrounded by a picture has every reason to pat the public on the back.

But after the first delirium of joy at this invention it occurred to him that "nobody would be interested in a picture behind himself." Hogwash goes one worse. He dreams of getting over this difficulty by having a moving auditorium on the movie-go-round principle. The audience would go round and round on swivel-seats for, in the case of children in the lower age bracket category, on hobby-horses. Such a thing! Such a thing! But why not leave the audience stationary, and show bad pictures in the back of the theatre, so that nobody need turn round to look at them?

### The more the merrier

HOGWASH is also experimenting with a device which would show the same picture 70 times, simultaneously, in the same theatre, by means of mirrors. Everyone would think he was getting more for his money, and with a shout would be right in so thinking.

### Milton's carpet

AN expensive London hotel which, for once in its life, shall be nameless, purchased from Foulengough's shop, "Ye Olde Antiqueries," a carpet

described as "The carpet on which Milton wrote 'Lycidas'." A war on the managerial staff asked, "Did he write it lying on the floor?" "Of course not," said Foulengough, "and for £150 you can have the table on the back. You can still see the faint marks of the table legs on the carpet."

### Love at last sight

THEY had only been married 23 days, and had quarrelled all the time. But when she left him, he realised for the first time that he loved her. (Synopsis of a story.)

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 25

BORN today you are a rather strong individual. You have strong opinions and a logical reasoning power. You are a natural and successful approach to all the complex problems of life.

Your beliefs are firmly fixed, once they have matured in your own mind and you are not easily swayed. You are a very stubborn about some things, but in the general type this stubbornness becomes the determination and will to succeed.

You are always actively doing something. You cannot endure to be idle. Guard against dissipation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

GENIUS (Mar. 21-June 21)—Keep your eyes wide open. You may have been offered golden opportunities all about the way.

CANCER (June 21-Sept. 21)—Wishful thinking can be a lot of fun but it does waste valuable time. Stick to reality.

LEO (July 21-Aug. 23)—Be prepared for anything just now. All surprises are in the air. The unexpected for you may be very good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)—Take a mild break and enjoy a social evening with a few close friends at your own home.

LINCOLN (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Holding your friends and making new ones now and then can prove very important to your future happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Create the evening to the enjoyment of some music. It can prove relaxing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—Your head may be swimming with new ideas, but be very selective. Develop only the good ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Even if things appear to be running much too slowly, don't rush them today. Be patient.

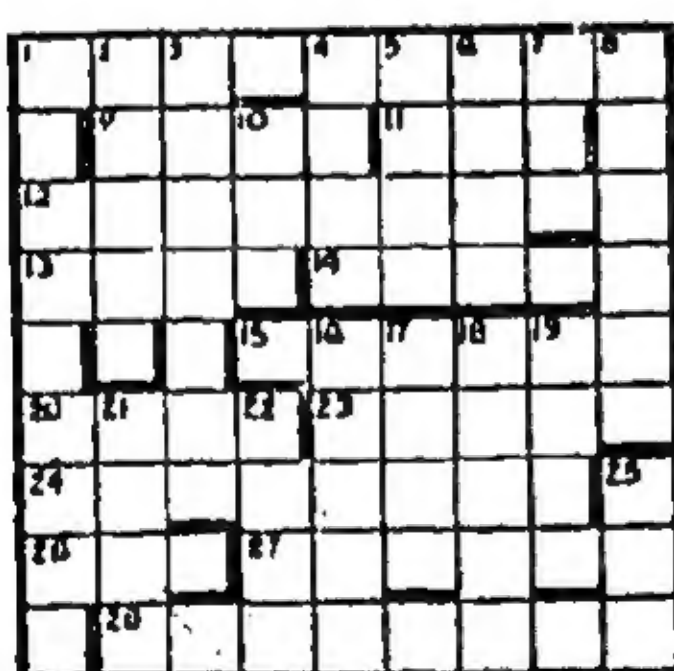
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)—Don't permit yourself to be over-confident when it comes to taking on a difficult job.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—You may be tempted to spend more than you should on luxuries. Be sure you have necessities first.

ARIES (Mar. 20-Apr. 20)—Save your breath for important matters. Don't start and finish with petty details. You only waste time and energy.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)—Make yourself fully informed on important matters of contemporary interest. They may affect your own life.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Experts Often Use 'Rule of Eleven'

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE recent Vanderbilt Cup tournament reminded me of one of the most interesting hands from last year's contests. A most unusual play was made by Peter A. Laventritt, newly elected president of the American Contract Bridge League, whose team went on to win the tournament.

Bath Sherman, likewise a famous New York expert, opened the seven of spades from the West hand. The declarer studied the dummy rather long—er than was necessary, thus giving Laventritt enough time to think of his play to the first trick.

According to the Rule of Eleven, South could have only one spade higher than the seven. (To this rule, subtract the number of the card led from eleven, which will give you the number of higher cards in three remaining hands.)

If South's only high spade was the ace, he would surely refuse the first trick, and it wouldn't matter much whether East played the king or the

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♦ 8	♦ 5	♦ K	♦ 8
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jack first. If South's only high spade was the queen, however, there was a big difference.

When declarer finally played a low spade from the dummy, Pete brilliantly played the jack of spades instead of the king. South was afraid to refuse the trick for fear the losing five spades immediately. Declarer therefore won with the queen of spades and tried the diamond finesse. Laventritt won with the king of diamonds and returned the king of spades. Miss Sherman naturally overtook with the ace of spades and was then in position to continue the suit, setting the contract.

When this hand was played at the same contract in the other room, East won the first trick with the king of spades and then returned the jack. South naturally played low, and East later got his king of diamonds, but declarer was sure of nine tricks.

## CARD SERIES

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Diamond 1 Spade ?

You, South, hold: Spades 6-3, Hearts 9-5-2, Diamonds K-8-4-2, Clubs A-Q-9-5. What do you do?

A—Bid two clubs. A raise to two diamonds would not quite express the full value of the hand. You can afford to bid your clubs and show support for diamonds later.

### TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered.

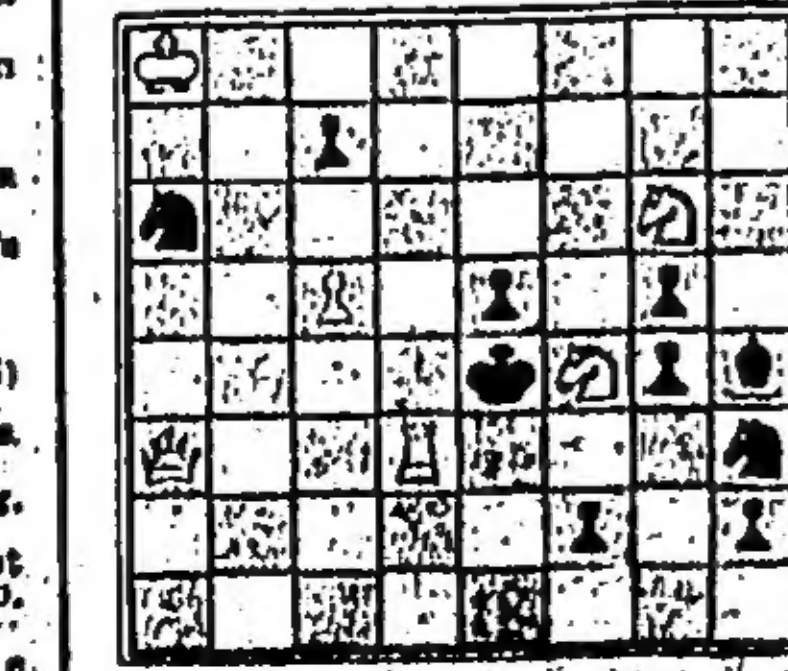
You, South, hold: Spades 6-3, Hearts 9-5-2, Diamonds K-8-4-2, Clubs 9-5-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. HARRING

Black, 10 pieces...



White, 8 pieces.

White to play: mate in three.

Solution: 1. Qxg6, 2. Qxg6, 3. Qxg6.

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## A Novel Hat From Paris



The "split brim" is an innovation in one of the designs for Spring hats, seen at the Fashion shows in Paris. This hat in red is by Jean Barthele.

## She abandons luxury and comfort for

## LIFE AMONG THE WILD MOUNTAINS

THE wife of the month is a woman whose husband could give her the sort of life most women would give anything for.

She could live in a superb flat in London and lead the gay life—money, clothes and comfort galore. She could spend summers in the South of France and winters in Jamaica.

But she doesn't. Mr. Christopher Fry, the kind of life that most women give a lot to get away from.

She lives in a house miles from anywhere in the wild black mountains of Wales, and does nearly all the work herself. The house has no electricity, it is cold, it is completely cut off.

"It's just a house on the edge of a lake in the mountains, with three acres of garden and

a donkey," said Mrs. Fry, a friendly, fair-haired peaceful woman in her thirties.

"I adore it," she said, "and so does Christopher. He always says it's so lovely to live somewhere that's quiet—where an aeroplane overhead is an event to make people dash out."

Sometimes they have people to stay, but it is a strictly no-neighborhood life. "We've got quite about the neighbours really. We hide if they come to call, so they don't come again. But there is plenty of life in the village pub."

The beauty of being Mrs. Fry, however, is that she can get out when the temperature drops too far.

They also have a house by the canal in Paddington, and "I always say to myself that it would be wonderful to be snowed in and isolated through the winter in Wales, but actually I've never faced it."

"I don't think I'm quite that hardy."

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# WOMANSENSE

## MEN IN THE KITCHEN

## PIG'S EARS FOR ME, SAYS LORD SEMPILL

ARE men better cooks than women? I am always defending my sex because it is unfair to compare Mrs. Everywoman, who cooks three meals a day for 50 weeks in the year, with the few amateur chefs who have a real flair for cooking and who probably cook only occasionally by way of a hobby.

But, why I received a letter from BBC producer, Archie Campbell, asking me for recipes for "Pig's Ears" and Sempill, which he had failed to find in any of his cookery books, I sensed an enthusiasm. He does all his own cooking.

Archie Campbell likes to entertain and Friday is his "Guest Night." His first course is a soup, which can be warmed up, or something cold like pulled shrimps. The sweet is also made in advance and served cold.

### FAVOURITE

His favourite sweet is Chocolate Mousse, bought from the quick-freeze counter. He regards this as "raw material," and beats into it crushed almond rock and a little cream, which give a chocolate praline mousse. That is inspiration!

He has a standard foundation for Coquilles St. Jacques, just what you and I would use, but he adds "everything and anything" (his words) to the scallops, which means shrimps, mussels, tomatoes, or anything available which "works in."

Lord Sempill is another man interested in food. At one time he cooked all his own meals but, in the end, had to discontinue this because he found that his great interest in cookery was interfering with his work.

Lord Sempill thinks that herbs are badly neglected, and he adds "everything and anything" (his words) to the herbs, which means shrimps, mussels, tomatoes, or anything available which "works in."

What could be better, he asks, than a leg or other piece of lamb which has had two to three slender slivers of garlic slipped in along the bone? One does not eat the pieces, but their very faint aroma perfumes the whole joint.

### THE 'ENDS'

Lord Sempill believes in simple fare. He likes the "ends of animals," as it were. "Where," he asked me, "would you get pig's ears in a London restaurant?" (Where, indeed, and where would you get my favourite grilled pig's feet?)

Pig's ears—a simple but delicious dish. The ears are very easily simmered in stock flavoured with a bouquet garni, then drained and grilled.

Lord Sempill was enthusiastic about a sheep's head pate. Clean it thoroughly. Simmer it gently, covered, in well seasoned water together

with the inevitable bouquet garni, until the meat will come from the bone. The meat, brains and sliced tongue are then layered in a terrine. A little of the reduced stock is poured on top and left to set into a delicious sort of potting head.

### HIS BREAD

Lord Sempill's personal cooking, nowadays, is done in his home in Scotland, where he has converted a dungeon into a kitchen. There, on a coal-burning cooker, he makes his famous all-wheat bread. First, he likes to grow his own wheat and grind it in his little stone grinder, blowing off excess husk.

For 5lb. of this "whole berry" flour, he allows two ounces of yeast, two pints of buttermilk, a little salt and a little Barbados (dark) sugar. He bakes the loaves in 1lb. tins for fifty minutes, starting at about 400 degrees Fahr.

He makes oat-cakes, too, and here I must give him credit for thinking up a very good trick. He rolls out the cakes, very thin, indeed, on the griddle (griddle itself).

### FISH DISH

I called on Mr. Mattill, who owns one of London's leading fashion houses, because I expected that a creator of fine clothes would also be a creator of very special dishes. (They really go together!)

Mr. Mattill specialises in fish soups and main fish dishes, because he thinks the fish here is better than anywhere else in the world—much better than the fish in France.

I had to persuade Mr. Mattill to give the recipe for his own fish soup because he felt that English people might not like it. I do not agree.

Simmer some onions and a chopped clove of garlic in a little oil and butter until clear. Add a small cut-up skinned eel and a cut-up red or grey mullet, a little tomato purée and pepper and salt to taste. Well cover with water, put the lid on the pan and simmer gently.

Work all through a sieve. Add a tiny pinch of saffron to the soup, then small mouthfuls of cooked flatter fish such as sole, and, finally, if you wish, some prepared mussels and cooked Dublin Bay prawns without further cooking.

—Helen Burke

## Swiss Evening Shoes



"Isabel" is the name of these evening shoes in violet and white satin trimmed with rhinestones—seen during the display of shoes from the Autumn Collection by Bally of Switzerland at a London salon.—Express Photo.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Two Caterpillars Eat Mud Pies

—They Don't Like Them as Well as Leaves—

By MAX TRELL

CLARENCE and Archibald, the two caterpillars heard the voices of several children coming from the other side of the garden wall.

"Just look at the wonderful pie I've just made!" exclaimed one of the children. "Who wants to buy it?"

"I've made a pie, too," cried another child. "Who wants to buy my pie?"

Archibald and Clarence climbed to the top of the garden wall and looked down. There, below them, were four or five children all busy making pies—mud pies. Some were big, some were small, some were flat, some were fat.

"They look delicious," Clarence whispered to Archibald.

"They sure do," Archibald whispered back to Clarence. "A few minutes later, the children all ran into the house,

leaving the pies all in a row on the other side of the garden wall. Clarence and Archibald crawled down at once.

"I'm sure the children won't mind our taking a bite or two out of their pies," Clarence said to Archibald.

"I'm certainly eager to taste those pies," said Archibald to Clarence.

"Big Bites"

The next second, Archibald and Clarence both took large bites out of the children's pies.

"Pook!" shouted Archibald. "Ugh!" shouted Clarence. "They taste like mud," said Clarence and Archibald together.

Without saying another word, they climbed up the garden wall as fast as they could, crossed the fields, crossed the road and climbed up the maple tree.

Then they both swallowed down a leaf as fast as they could. They looked at each other.

"Fish bones are all right for cats," they said. "Grass is all right for cows. Worms are all right for robins. Mud pies are all right for children. But for caterpillars there's only one thing that's delicious—leaves!"

Archibald and Clarence took large bites of the pies.

## Rupert and The Lost Cuckoo—29



Horace the hedgehog, all grumbling, moves forward. "A cuckoo's a cuckoo even if it does come out of a clock," he says, "and I expect yours has gone with the others. That's the direction they took, towards the sun, and I believe they go to a place called Africa." He turns and disappears into the bushes. On dear, this is worse than ever! cries Rupert, as he hurries back towards the lake and meets some of the animals. "I must find Mrs. Noah again now that we know where we may have to look."

## A new story

## Rupert and the Space Ship

## Men's Girdle Business Is Booming

NEW YORK.

THE two-way stretch has tightened up the man's world.

That's right, ladies. The men are wearing girdles, although most of them are reluctant to admit it.

Two large companies report the men's girdle business is growing like a middle-aged waistline.

Charles Chapman, vice president and sales manager of Stayform in Chicago, says the demand is increasing in all types of occupations, from truck drivers to tycoons.

Douglas Dillard, New York sales manager for Vassar, said, "Men are just becoming more figure-conscious. Why in New York, Boston and Philadelphia, the top stores stock men's girdles."

So far, the East and West coast lead in sales, he said.

"The men in the Midwest probably worry about their figures," Dillard said. "But they're a little more self-conscious."

Each company has dreamed up the manly trade names for the garments on the grounds that "a girdle sounds like women's apparel."

Best customers are men 40 and up.

"Around 40," said Dillard, "a fellow begins to sag a little. A two-way stretch is ideal for camouflaging a bit of bay window."—United Press.

## DUMB-BELLS



SHALL I DELIVER IT OR RIDE IT HOME MYSELF, SIR?







## LEAGUE TENNIS

League tennis matches played yesterday resulted in two narrow wins by the odd set in nine registered by Police Recreation Club against Post Office R.C. and Recreation R.C. both in the Men's C. Division Group B.

In Group A of this Division, the powerful Kowloon Tong players swamped Ladies Recreation Club(2) winning all sets played.

One match in the Mixed A Division was postponed on account of the ground, that between HKCC and South China which was scheduled to be played at Chater Road.

The following are the results

**MEN'S "C" DIVISION (1)**  
 CRC (2) beat HKCC 7-5 (1-6)  
 C. Lee and F. Tuck (CRC) beat A. Wilkinson and B. Fleckman 6-0, 6-0  
 beat A. Madden and B. Weldon 6-4, 6-0  
 beat G. S. Cochrane and N. Faby 6-1  
 D. Woo and D. Chui (CRC) beat Wilkinson and Fleckman 6-3, beat Madden and Weldon 6-1, and drew with Cochrane and Faby 6-6  
 T. Y. Chung and A. Tuck (CRC) beat Wilkinson and Fleckman 6-0, lost to Madden and Weldon 1-6, and beat Cochrane and Faby 6-3

**LRC (2) lost to HKCC 0-3**  
 J. Hallway and H. Schneider (LRC) lost to C. N. Tong and K. S. Ling 2-6, lost to P. P. K. Ho and J. Poon 2-6, and lost to C. S. Ling and T. H. Chen 3-6

J. Riviere and Maynard (LRC) lost to Tong and K. S. Ling 3-6, lost to K. Ho and Poon 3-6, and lost to C. S. Ling and Chen 0-6

R. W. Wheeler and J. Haelebos (LRC) lost to Tong and K. S. Ling 3-6, lost to K. Ho and Poon 1-6, and lost to C. S. Ling and Chen 3-6

KCC beat HKCC (2) 3-0, 3-0  
 P. Wood and H. V. Dijk (KCC) beat M. G. P. Souza and J. N. Ribeiro 6-4, lost to A. Azevedo and P. Noddi 5-7, drew with L. J. Remedios and J. M. Colacao 6-6

N. Leonard and F. Abbas (KCC) beat Souza and Ribeiro 6-3, drew with Azevedo and Noddi 6-6, beat Remedios and Colacao 6-2

G. Ellington and C. Soetens (KCC) drew with Souza and Ribeiro 6-6, lost to Azevedo and Noddi 3-6, beat Remedios and Colacao 6-1

KITC beat Urban Council 6-1  
 Y. Khan and U. S. Muni (KITC) beat S. H. Leung and P. Y. Kwok 6-0, beat H. Leung and M. K. Yung 6-2, beat Giet and M. K. Yung 6-2

**MEN'S "C" DIVISION (1)**  
 LRC (1) lost to CRC (1) 2-7  
 A. Cheetham and G. P. Norton (LRC) lost to S. P. Wu and C. S. Wong 1-6, drew with N. G. and Y. W. Chung 6-6, and beat M. C. Ng and Y. W. Chung 6-4

H. Allen and P. Widner (LRC) lost to Wu and Wong 4-6, lost to K. C. Ng and Lam 2-6, and lost to M. C. Ng and Chung 3-6

E. C. Barty and P. Andersen (LRC) lost to Wu and Wong 2-6, drew with K. C. Ng and Lam 6-6, and lost to M. C. Ng and Chung 2-6

**PRC Beat PORC 3-4**  
 H. W. F. Heath and D. Brown (PRC) beat A. G. G. and G. W. Fung 6-1, drew with J. Wong and N. C. Wong 6-6, and beat S. K. Chin and N. B. Wong 6-3

E. Tyrer and W. M. Gilles (PRC) beat Crook and Fung 6-1, lost to J. Wong and N. C. Wong 3-6, and drew with Chin and N. B. Wong 6-6

A. R. S. Major and D. G. Mathers (PRC) beat Crook and Fung 6-2, lost to J. Wong and N. C. Wong 0-6, and lost to Chin and N. B. Wong 3-6

**Recreation (1) Beat CCRC 3-4**  
 P. P. Botelho and W. Lawrence (Recreation) drew with P. W. Tong and S. Y. Lee 6-6, lost to P. F. Shao and T. H. Shao 3-6, lost to K. Y. Chang and Y. S. (Tang) 1-6

T. E. Rodriguez and C. A. Barreto (Recreation) beat Tang and Lee 6-0, drew with Shao and Shao 6-6, beat Chang and Chang 6-4

A. J. Remedios and J. A. Marques (Recreation) beat Tang and Lee 6-3, beat Shao and Shao 6-1, lost to Chang and Chang 4-6

**A DIVISION MIXED DOUBLES**  
 KCC beat CRC 4-3  
 A. S. Auger and Mrs. J. Stokes (KCC) lost to W. P. Taul and Mrs. H. Lo 1-6, beat V. P. Wong and Miss D. Young 6-4, beat K. M. Au and Miss M. Tong 6-1

F. Loane and Mrs. O. Dow (KCC) lost to Taul and Lo 1-6, beat Wong and Young 6-4, beat Au and Tong 6-1

C. Quong and Mrs. A. Liang (KCC) lost to Taul and Lo 1-6, beat Wong and Young 6-3, beat Au and Tong 6-4

The Mixed Doubles "A" Division match between HKCC and South China was postponed on account of the weather at the courts at Chater Road.

## Volunteers' Centenary Sports Finals

The Volunteers' Centenary six-a-side hockey and football finals will be played at the Army Ground, Sookumpoo, on Saturday, May 29, and will be followed with the prize-giving and a fun fair.

The six-a-side hockey quarter-finals will commence at 4.30 p.m., and the final will commence at 5.30 p.m. The football final will commence at 6 p.m.

Mrs E. G. Stewart will present the prizes at 7.15 p.m.

The Centenary Committee invite all ex-members of the HKVCC and HKRNV and present members of the REHKS and their families to come along on Saturday and bring their children as a special fun fair for the kiddies has been arranged.

## SHE SPARKLED INTO LONDON, MATCHING THE SUNSHINE That Lady . . . With An Engagement Ring

By DAVID LEWIN



• OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND... in London with her new diamond ring, but without the eye-patch that she will soon be wearing.

She came gay and sparkling into London—matching the weather. On the third finger of Olivia De Havilland's left hand was a diamond cluster ring, the visible sign that the 38-year-old star is engaged.

"His name is Pierre Galante and his manner matches his surname," she said. "Yes, he is French, but he drinks Scotch and he is not in films. He is a Paris magazine director. We hope to marry next month."

What sort of woman is 42-year-old Mr Galante marrying? She has skillfully manipulated a film career for close on 20 years in Hollywood—which is not easy. She has maintained herself as a star for 17 years—which is more difficult.

She has hidden family problems (the coolness to her sister Joan Fontaine) and emerged smiling.

She set out as a girl of 20 to be known for SERIOUS acting, not just glamour. And she emerged successful.

Miss De Havilland said to me: "The real characters in films are not always the beauties. So I made myself look a wreck in 'Snake Pit' (which won her a second Oscar) and I'm wearing a patch over one eye in my new British film 'That Lady'."

She flew into London to discuss the colour of her eye patch with producer Sir Basil Dean. ("Should it be black or coloured?")

### AFTERWARDS... FLYNN

She said: "I believed in organising my career from the beginning. I started at the top in Shakespeare. But I followed with Errol Flynn. Then I saved my money for five years to gain my independence and choose the parts I wanted."

"When I started in Hollywood the youngsters alongside me were James Stewart, Henry Fonda, Margaret Sullivan, and Ann Sheridan."

The list tells its own story. Only Stewart and Miss De Havilland are still stars today.

• Her previous husband was 54-year-old author Marcus Goodrich.

### SKETCH FOR TWO

As part of a special "big name" stage show to celebrate the 50 acting years of Dame Sybil Thorndike, Robert Morley has written a sketch with just two parts—for himself, and for his mother-in-law, Gladys Cooper.

Morley has not acted with his mother-in-law before, and I asked him to report progress. "No ugly scenes so far, but then we have two directors for the sketch: Miss Cooper and myself. Keeps it in the family, that way. We are very satisfied with the arrangement. Miss Cooper is happy because her part is better than mine."

I marvelled at such self-sacrifice on the part of author Morley.

"Well, a better part—but not much better," he said.

### BOY MEETS GIRL

For the first film love-scene in his career, 16-year-old Jeremy Spencer had Moira Shearer as a partner. Miss Shearer for the occasion played a 16-year-old girl with a sweet smile, an Alice green gown, and white socks.

Mr Spencer hoped he did not look "soppy" kissing a girl on screen. Miss Shearer's worry was about another scene in the same film, "Man Who Loved Red Heads," in which she plays a flapper.

Sir Alexander Korda, her film boss, has just had the scene shot all over again. Miss Shearer was not "tough" enough.

## Bat And Trap (Chaucer's Game) Is In Danger

BECAUSE THE BALL IS SO SMALL

Cricket's forerunner, Bat and Trap, introduced by Chaucer's Pilgrims and still played on the village greens of Kent, is threatened.

The reason: A special ball two and a quarter inches in diameter—slightly smaller than a cricket ball—must be used. And these balls are getting scarce.

### 1,000 PLAYERS

Said Mr Bill Humphreys, Canterbury Council rent collector and secretary of the Canterbury League, which has nearly 1,000 registered players: "There are only half a dozen of the right size balls left and they are being jealously guarded."

"To borrow one costs £1 deposit."

"Before the war the balls were specially made for us and I could place an order immediately for 100. But now firms refuse to make fewer than 1,000 and at 3s. each our funds cannot run to it."

### LACROSSE BALLS INSTEAD

Some clubs are using lacrosse balls (two and a half inches in diameter) instead. Mr Humphreys thinks they make the game too easy. But

### Swimming Record

London, May 24. Morek Petruszewicz of Poland bettered the world record for the 100-metre breast stroke at Wroclaw, Poland, yesterday, the Polish news agency said.

Petruszewicz covered the distance in 1.07. The present record of 1.10.5 was set in February by Minackin of Russia in Stockholm.—United Press.

### BASEBALL SCORES

New York, May 24. Today's Major League baseball scores were:  
 National League:  
 Philadelphia 8, H. E. 10, 0  
 Brooklyn 2, 4, 1  
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 —United Press.

## Prince Of The Feeds

IN 14 YEARS of letting the other fellow have the last laugh, Jerry Desmond has been straight-man and feed (the word "stooge" is never used professionally) to Sid Field, Arthur Askey, Bob Hope, Norman Wisdom, and the State Governor of Ohio.

Gentlemanly Jerry, who looks like a permanent fixture at any good Foreign Office, has started another stint of standing in the shadows while the star comic has the big laugh—this time with Wisdom in the new Palladium show.

I went to see if Mr Desmond, 45 years old, married, with two children, was in any way saddened by being called "the prince of stooges."

He has been in that line of business since he joined up

with Sid Field in 1942 at £25 a week—£15 less than he was getting in a guitar-playing act.

Mr Desmond said: "I have tried to make a break from this comedy feed line by going into a play and a film. Just as I was about to work with him, at £250 a TV show, that wasn't budging. I even 'fed' the Governor of Ohio in one programme. Then I came back to London and Wisdom. It seemed the best thing to do."

He came back to the job he

does so elegantly and with such certainty.

No wonder on his opening night Mrs Desmond sent her husband a telegram: "This is where we came in, darling."

Jerry Desmond said: "Chesney Allen was the best straight man in the business. There aren't many left now. Comics seem to put women in their acts today."

"The job I do is simple: help build the other man's laugh, see the timing of my lines does not detract from it, and leave it all to him. It is the comic who keeps us in bread and butter—not me."

"But for a guy who can't do anything in particular I haven't done so badly."

Not so badly at all.

—(London Express Service)

## The Grand National Is Not Sport —In Effect It's Butchery Says DENNIS HART

What's in a name? Nothing, according to playwright Shakespeare. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," so he said.

But that was 350 years ago. Were the bard alive today he might think otherwise. A name can make the world of difference, especially if the name happens to be sport.

Call a thing sport and you can get away with almost anything, from breaking legs on the football field to breaking bodies in the boxing ring.

Fair enough if the victims are willing.

But what if they have no say in the matter, as for instance in one of the biggest sporting attractions of the year—the Grand National.

They call it a race. In effect it's butchery: a test of how fast a horse can carry a human being over four and a half miles of jumps and ditches that by comparison make a Commando course seem like kid's stuff.

### EVEN TOUGHER

This year the course was even tougher. Jumps were made higher, ditches widened. Four of the horses either died as they fell or had to be destroyed subsequently.

Last week the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee met to discuss these fatalities. The result of their findings was announced in the Racing Calendar.

"The Stewards have not found any special suggestion which warrants steps being taken governing the conditions for entry, the distance, the size of the fences or the riders in the Grand National."

Who then is to be blamed for the deaths? The presumption must be the horses themselves, for the report adds: "The Stewards have been unable to

attribute fatalities which had occurred to any one feature of the race and were satisfied that the height and dimensions of the fences 'did not place too much strain on a horse which was jumping well.' The horses, they have only to brush up their jumping and they will all live to ripe old ages.

"But it's not strictly accurate, you know. And there are many owners who share that view. They don't object to steepening but they won't enter their horses for the National. Instead, they run them in such events as the Cheltenham Gold Cup—where the prizes may not be so big but the chances of losing a valuable horse are considerably less."

After this year's National, another suggestion was that the course should be shortened. This was turned down because "the Stewards did not wish to deprive the crowd of their view of the start."

### SICKENING

Sickenings though these sentiments are, it is even worse that so many people share them and turn up to witness the slaughter. You know the type: "You must admit it's a thrilling spectacle, old boy."

Thrilling? I didn't find the race thrilling, nor the spectacle. I saw a very nice. The look of terror in a horse's eyes as it struggled to avoid a fall was something I'll never forget.

## ORIENT BOXING ASSOCIATION PLANNED

Tokyo, May 24. Japanese and Philippine Boxing Commissioners said today in a joint statement that plans were being made to form an Orient Boxing Association.

The statement, issued by Municipal Tanabe of Japan and Manuel Nieto of the Philippines, said the various Asian nations would be asked to join the Association, which would later join the World Boxing Association.

The Association is scheduled to be organised by Autumn, Reuters.

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# Watch Out For Those Nimble Fingers

Tricksters with nimble fingers who sell false gold pieces and rings or practise a system of "theft by exchange" are causing Belgian police a lot of trouble.

A number of small jewellers in Brussels have been defrauded in the last year by these tricksters who rely only on sleight of hand, and a box full of copper chips if they are selling "gold", to make an easy living.

Placing what appear to be gold pieces on the jeweller's counter, the tricksters invite the owner of the shop to make what tests he wishes before buying.

A number of pieces are examined and found to be pure gold. The jeweller is satisfied that he can buy the contents of the box.

All the pieces he has tested are, in fact, gold. Only they usually come from the trickster's sleeve or pocket instead of the box and return there after examination.

The art, as the police say, lies in substituting a gold piece hidden in the sleeve for the copper chip from the box.

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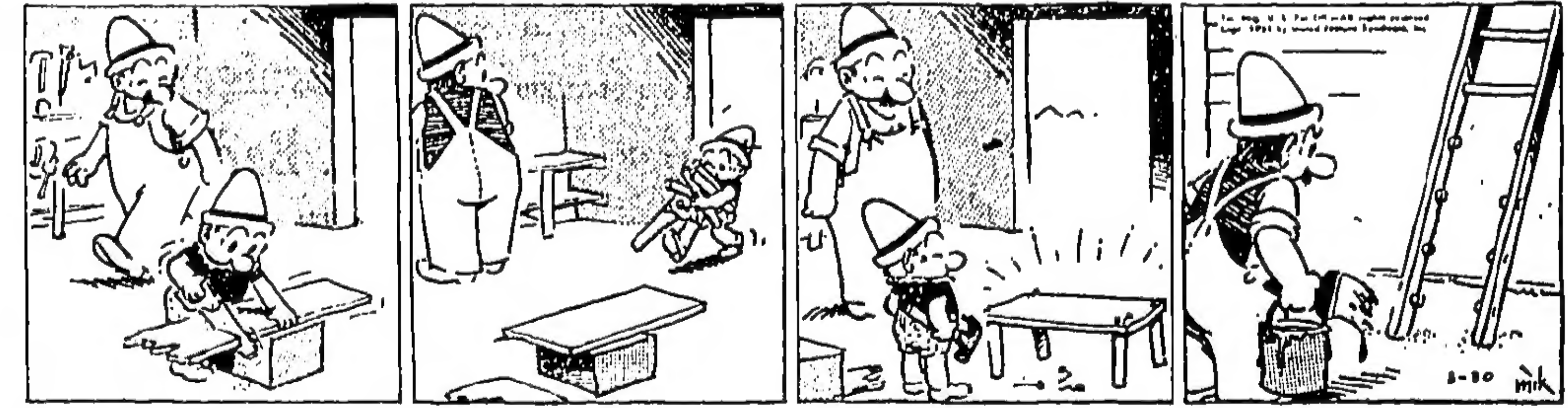
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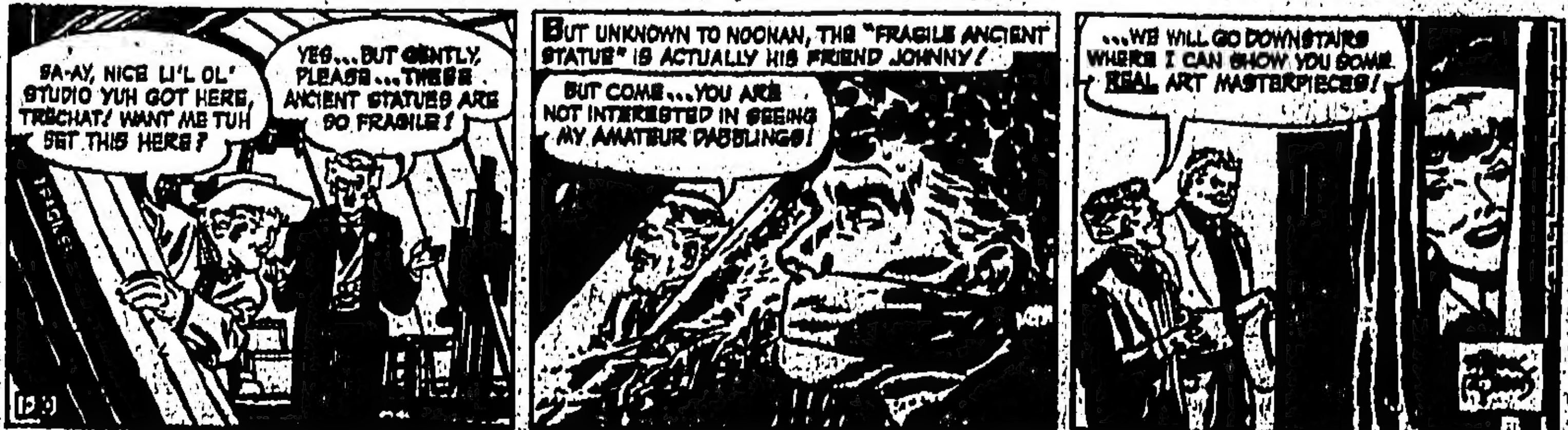
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## Important Archaeological Discoveries

Singapore, May 25. The recent discovery in Gua Chah, Kelantan, of well preserved skeletons and pottery of Neolithic and neolithic people, is considered to be one of the most important archaeological "finds" the director of the Singapore Museum, Mr. M. W. Tweedie, told a press conference. These people may well have been the dominant inhabitants of Malaya from about 8,000 to 3,000 B.C., he said.

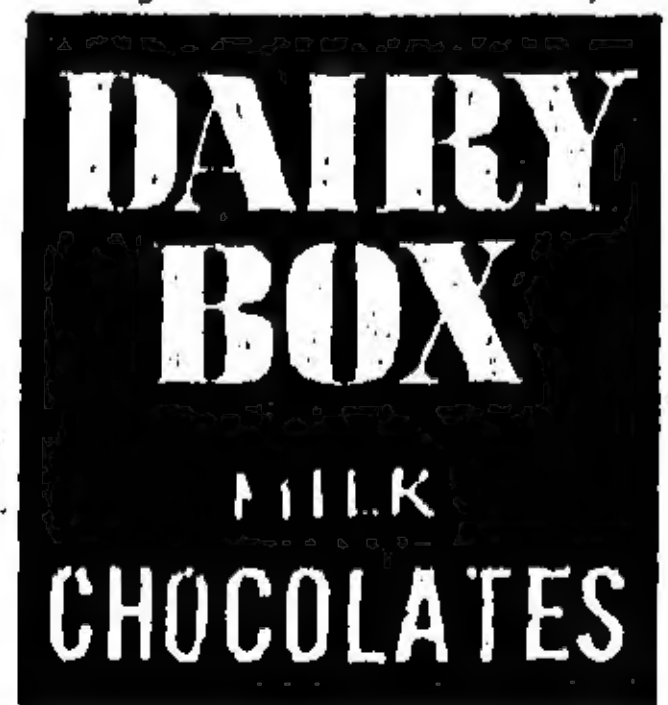
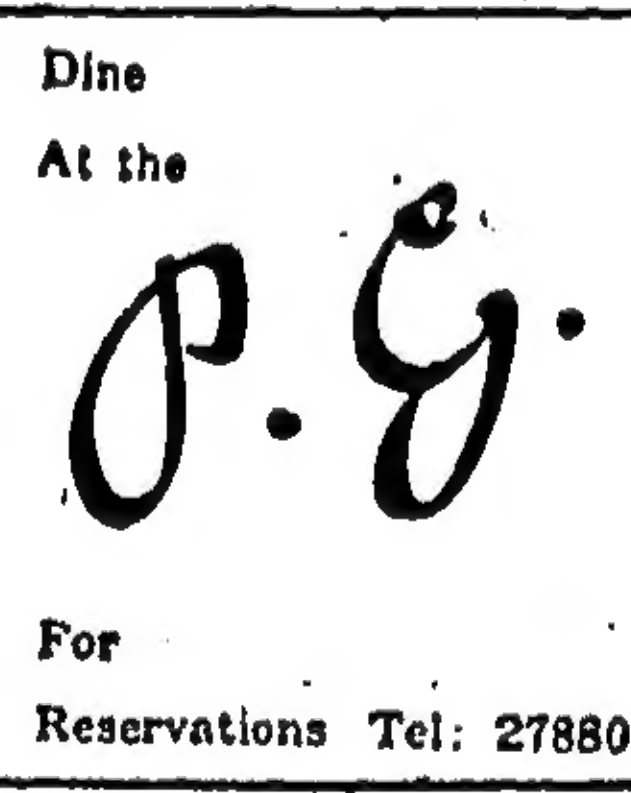
The Gua Chah site is rich in archaeological research and was first discovered in 1935, Mr Tweedie stated. Skeletons and pottery belonging to the Neolithic period were excavated under eight feet of earth while the rock shelter was evidently used as a burial ground by the neolithic people. "The excavation has provided the richest collection of neolithic artifacts found in this country and in Southeast Asia," he declared.

Three main cultures are distinguished, Mr Tweedie said. "The oldest, the paleolithic, has only been found in Upper Perak and dates from the glacial period."

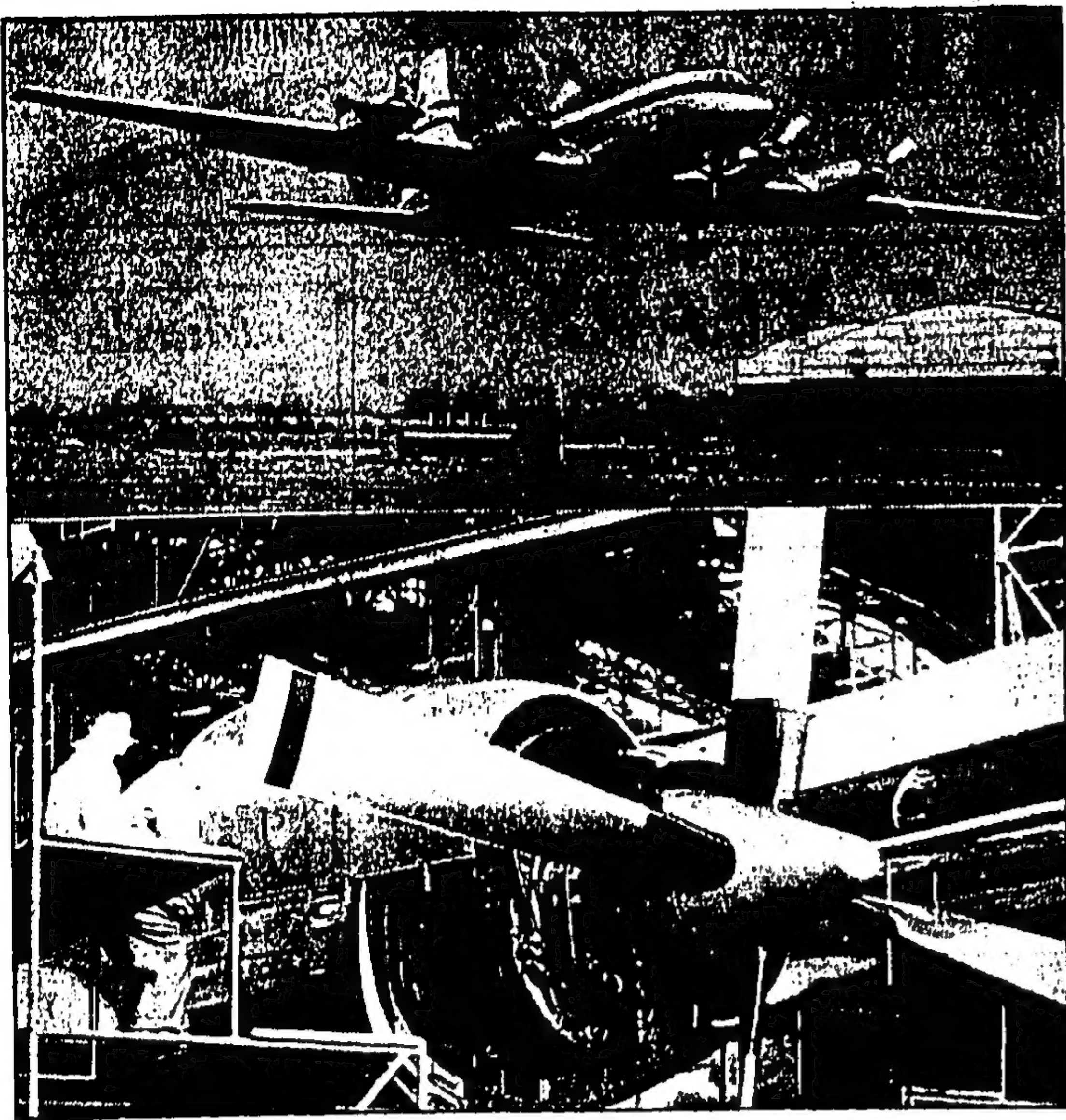
"The next culture, the Neolithic, links the Paleolithic and Neolithic periods, remains of it have been found in various parts in central and north Malaya."

"They were in a primitive state of culture and lived by hunting and gathering food," Mr Tweedie said. "The third and the latest stone culture, the Neolithic, proved from the pottery and tools that the people were highly civilized."

"Great numbers of their everyday tools and implements have been found in iron, paves, rock shatters, and river beds all over Malaya, he added."







Here is a picture of Bristol's turbo-prop airliner, the "Britannia" and the picture below shows one of the Bristol Proteus 705 engines as the cowling is opened.

### Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain

## Aviation Expert Puts His Bet On The Turbo-Props

This week's "Round-up" includes a summary of a lecture given by the chief designer of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, Dr. A. E. Russell, in which he gives the case for the Turbo-prop. He compares it with two other basic types of gas turbine engine, the jet and the ducted fan and finds that although the turbo-prop is slower it scores by its greater economy. Another interesting item in this week's "Round-up"—which comes to you every week direct from the London headquarters of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors—tells about a new use to which the war-time radar device "Rebecca" has been put.

"In the future, aeroplanes fitted with turbo-prop engines will form the substantial proportion of the fleets of all airlines. For any given duty, they will be smaller, lighter and more versatile than any other kind."

This prophecy is made by Dr. A. E. Russell, chief designer of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, in the 42nd Wilbur Wright Memorial Lecture. The lecture is an analysis of hypothetical aircraft fitted with the three basic types of gas turbine engine—jet, ducted fan and turbo-prop—and the result of the analysis leads Dr. Russell to make an unqualified statement of faith in the turbo-prop.

Even on long journeys, says Dr. Russell, the turbo-prop is powered aircraft which is slower than the other types of gas turbine aircraft and takes longer to make the trip, still scores by reason of its greater economy.

A return flight from European cities to New York and back would take 14.7 hours by turbo-prop—only 1 hour 12 minutes longer than the same two-way flight in a comparable jet aircraft.

### 500 MPH Limit

Dr. Russell states that future improvements in the fuel economy of the aircraft jet engine as a power unit for commercial airlines is "confined to relatively small advances."

The jet has "an inherent need of high calorific nourishment," as Dr. Russell puts it. The turbo-prop, on the other hand, is claimed to be still capable of considerable forward strides. One example given in the lecture is that when new high-temperature materials are available for turbine blades, turbo-props of still greater economy will be possible.

The turbo-prop has, however, a "physical inbuilt tendency towards excessive speed." There is a danger that its efficiency as the forward speed of the aircraft approaches Mach. 75—that is, about 500 mph.

"This speed," says Dr. Russell, "will mark the probable limit on operational flight speeds for civil aeroplanes." The noise from propellers, the tips of which would be turning faster than sound above this speed, would also be prohibitive.

The third type of engine, the ducted fan, is described as a "cross-breed" designed to share the advantages of the jet and the turbo-prop. But it, too, is claimed, compares unfavourably with the turbo-prop in economy of operation.

The lecture does not compare existing aircraft, but hypothetical types each powered by a different type of engine. "A large range of engines is assumed to be available to the aircraft designer in any size he cares to specify. He may have complete confidence that each engine, whichever his choice, will be as fully developed as any other."

The aircraft design chosen for the study is a medium to long-range transport, carrying 250,000 lb. payload—about 100 passengers and a small amount of freight. It is designed to cruise near or above the stratosphere. Standard take-off distances are assumed, and overall, the aircraft is chosen to be the smallest and lightest for its given duty.

In order to assess costs, the features of the different types are evaluated for the North Atlantic route. The jet airliner's gross weight is 215,000 lb., against 192,500—194,000 lb. for the ducted fan (varying with the by-pass ratio of the engine) and 162,500 lb. for the turbo-prop. The turbo-prop airliner cruises at 500 m.p.h., the other types at 510 m.p.h. The weight of the fuel carried (the greatest single factor in the operating cost) is 88,500 lb. for the jet, 81,300-84,700 lb. for the ducted fan, and 54,000 lb. for the turbo-prop. An annual utilisation of 3,000 hours is assumed.

Operating costs on this basis work out as follows, showing a clear margin in favour of the turbo-prop.

	Jet	Ducted fan	Turbo-prop
Direct operating cost per ton/mile	10.85	9.57	8.03
Per seat	1.04	0.92	0.83
Fuel cost a year	£274,000	£307,000	£200,000

The war-time radar device "Rebecca," which was specially designed to guide supply-dropping aircraft to the hide-outs of special agents operating in enemy territory, has been developed in new form for the latest single-seat jets.

During the war, airborne Rebecca sets were installed in big transport aircraft and their Eureka ground beacon counterparts parachuted into enemy territory. Signals from the Eureka beacons picked up on the Rebecca radar screens in the aircraft told the navigator how far away the beacon was, and gave him its bearing. Now, because pilots flying alone in single-seat jets have neither the time nor space to use this "television" type of Rebecca, a special lightweight version which

shows them the same information in meter-form, has been developed.

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As the aircraft approaches the beacon, the distance-meter gets nearer and nearer to zero and as it passes over it, the meter begins to go up again and the bearing compass swings round to the reciprocal heading.

This lightweight Rebecca, developed by Murphy Ltd., has been ordered by the Royal Air Force and by the Royal New Zealand Air Force. A larger version for commercial airlines is also being installed by British Overseas Airways and by SABENA, Air France and others. This gives the information on a radar tube—as well as on meters—because in large aircraft there is a navigating officer who can use the information in this form, which is somewhat more accurate than meter information alone.

Civil aircraft are in danger of becoming too fast, too complicated, too difficult to maintain, too initially expensive, too much a designer's joy instead of an operator's bread-winner, according to Mr. M. H. Curtis, vice-chairman of the British Independent Air Transport Association.

He told the Society of Licensed Aircraft Engineers at their annual meeting last week: "Do all in your power to ensure that the designers and manufacturers keep transport aircraft as simple in construction and as easy to maintain as is humanly possible for the job each type is intended to do."

Mr. Curtis said: "Some new aircraft will be faster, fly further, be more complicated, more handsome, fantastically more expensive than anything we know at present. Others will just have to be simpler, reasonably but economically fast, built for strength and technical refinement, for simplicity of operation and maintenance."

## US Stock Market Boom Now In Its Eighth Month

New York, May 23.

The upward trend in stock market prices which began last September moved into its eighth month this week.

During that time, as measured by their averages, prices have advanced by about 25 per cent, reflecting what many observers are willing to describe as one of the biggest bull movements in the stock market since 1929.

To some observers, this steady price advance may seem paradoxical considering that business activity has been declining. A partial explanation for the persistent investor confidence stems from the favourable first quarter earnings reports of leading corporations.

While the overall picture is mixed, many firms, especially those engaged in heavy industry, reported higher net earnings despite some decline in sales. An analysis of the sales and net income of 695 manufacturing corporations in the first quarter of 1954 by the National City Bank showed the extent to which tax relief this year has contributed to the improved earnings record.

Estimating the decline in tax liability this year at 33 per cent, the Bank said this more than offset the decline in operating earnings and brought about an increase of 7 per cent in the net income after taxes as compared with the first quarter of 1953.

Wall Street has been quietly impressed by the absence of the so-called speculative type of buying. Recent activity in the market has been selective with the emphasis in the top-ranking issues which have been bought by institutions with large investment funds.

The general public has not participated extensively, despite efforts to broaden the extent of its interest.

With most of the buying activity in the top-ranking issues, many observers comment on the firm pattern of present-day stock prices as compared with the "wild-price-swings" in the "big-rich-quick" speculative market in 1929. Business Week magazine, for example, described the present market as "a sober, selective, bargain-hunting."

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"It is also a market that has great confidence in business—one that likes the look of today's corporate profits and that feels the future is bright," it added.

### "NOT IMPRESSED"

Many Wall Street observers, however, are "not impressed" by auto shares, despite the industry's claims that it will produce its third largest volume this year.

Here is what has been happening in the industry: General Motors and Ford Motor Co. are now locked in a Titanic battle to corner an increasing share of the passenger car market. As of last year, the two companies sold 82 per cent of the market, compared with 60 per cent in 1949.

The others headed by Chrysler (one of the big three) have been losing ground in the face of a recession and increased competition. General Motors and Ford both did well in the first quarter. But it was a different story for Chrysler, Studebaker, Nash, Packard, Hudson and Kaiser. Chrysler's first quarter net in 1954 was less than a third of the 1953 period. Studebaker went \$5.4 millions in the red this year, Packard \$0.4 million, Nash—Kaiser lost \$0.8 million, while Hudson, has not issued its quarterly earnings report yet.

Kaiser Motors' production figures, it was said, indicated a loss. Stock market prices reflect the earnings records.

### SOME COMPARISONS

Business Week made the following comparisons: Chrysler—now selling around \$81, compared with a peak of \$98 in 1952.

Studebaker—lagging at around \$14, compared with the high of \$43.50 in 1953.

Nash—Kaiser—lost \$0.8 million, while Hudson, has not issued its quarterly earnings report yet.

Studebaker—lagging at around \$14, compared with the high of \$43.50 in 1953. Nash, it was said, was priced at \$11.87 a share just before merging with Hudson, compared with the 1949 high of \$23.37. Kaiser—selling around \$22.50. In 1949, its peak was at \$23.50.

### Missed His last bus?

London, May 24. A motor coach, belonging to the British Airways Airways which was taken from a coach station at Victoria, London, during the week-end, was found abandoned at Rochester, Kent, 35 miles away. Police believe that the coach might have been taken by someone who missed the last bus home. —China Mail Special.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business in the Stock Exchange today amounted to \$270,290.50. Most quotations and the buyers' dealings.

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	1000	4	1000
HSBC	1000	4	1000
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## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, May 24. There was only little improvement on trade enquiry with sellers reserved. Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	63½-64½
No. 2 rubber per lb.	62½-63½
No. 3 rubber per lb.	61½-62½
No. 4 rubber per lb.	60½-61½
Spot rubber unbleached	63-64
Blanket crepe	58-59
No. 1 pale crepe	71½-72½

### NEW YORK MARKET

New York, May 24. Rubber futures today closed 10 points lower to 15 points higher with sales of eight contracts.

Dealers reported a dull situation in the outside market with a price gap of ½ cent a pound keeping buyers and sellers apart.

Spot No. 1 was quoted at 22½ cents nominal, Future closings:

July	22.50
Sept.	22.75
Dec.	22.25
Mar.	22.50
May	22.50
July	22.50

### LONDON MARKET

London, May 24. The rubber market was quietly steady with No. 1 spot quoted at 10 pence per lb.

Prices: No. 1 spot 10½-10½, No. 2 spot 10½-10½, No. 3 spot 10½-10½, No. 4 spot 10½-10½, No. 5 spot 10½-10½, No. 6 spot 10½-10½, No. 7 spot 10½-10½, No. 8 spot 10½-10½, No. 9 spot 10½-10½, No. 10 spot 10½-10½.

### LONDON METAL PRICES

London, May 24. The tin market was steady but quiet while zinc was steady, copper and lead were steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin, spot	221
3-month	221
6-month	221
Lead, spot	221
3-month	221
6-month	221
Copper, spot	221
3-month	221
6-month	221
Zinc, spot	221
3-month	221
6-month	221

### NEW YORK FUTURES

New York, May 24. The prices of metal futures closed today in US cents per lb. as follows:

Lead, May	12.40
Lead, June	12.40
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# CHINA MAIL

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SHEAFFER'S  
ADMIRAL  
NEW  
"SHORKEL"  
PEN

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK SMALL CARGO

IT was near midnight when they picked up Michael. The police had watched him standing in a dingy Soho doorway, watching the shadows and catch at the sleeves of passers-by and to them whisper something with terrible urgency.

They had seen Michael, victims angrily shake themselves free of his grasp, and watched him sink back to the shadows. They knew what he was, but for a near-beer-chin, salesman for the sixth-rate dive beyond the dingy doorway. When they had seen enough, the policeman arrested Michael for using insulting behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

"Okay," he said.

**THE DRUMMER**

NEXT morning at Bow Street, Michael, a tall, lean, dithering man of 31, pleaded guilty to the charge.

The officers of most men arrested for keeping a house of ill-fame, Michael was a drummer in a band. When Michael was old enough and sufficiently skilled, he too became a drummer.

He set his sights higher than his father had, and presently was selling all over the world as a member of the orchestras of ocean liners.

**THE DRUG**

ALL the great seas he sailed and visited, all the great parts, then, a year ago, he quit. He became a lawyer's boy's assistant in London, and slid quickly down from there to that dingy doorway in Soho.

Why, why, you wondered.

"There is a further charge against you," said the learned clerk to Michael, "of being in unlawful possession of a drug."

"Guilty," said Michael.

The police had found the tiny packet of Indian hemp on him during the regulation search.

**FULL PLAY AGAIN**

"Is there anything sinister about it?" asked Mr. Bertram Reece, the magistrate, wondering, evidently, whether Michael dealt in drugs on the side, as other louts have been known to do.

"Nothing sinister, I don't think," the policeman answered. "I believe it was for his own use."

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Michael. "Can't you do something better than this? Are you fit?"

"Yes, I'm fit," Michael answered after a pause. He paused whenever he was asked a question, as if words and their meaning took several moments to filter into his brain. "I'm going to play the drums again," he said.

"Have you got an engagement?"

"No, but I've seen a man about the ships."

**WORKING HARD**

"WHY did you have that hemp?" the magistrate asked.

"Isn't good, I know," said Michael, when the question had registered. "But I needed a stimulant, I been working hard."

"You haven't," said the magistrate. "Touting's not work."

He remanded Michael in custody, so that the doctors might see what size of a grip the drug had on him, and the probation officer find out what the chances were of his getting back to a job with his drums.

"We're going to see if we can do something for you," said Mr. Reece.

Michael nodded, and dragged himself away, with a wistful glance towards the tiny packet that lay on the witness-box sill. The tiny packet in whose contents lay, perhaps, the answer to the questions posed by his strange decline.

## Better Anglo-US Understanding Now Discernible

Washington, May 24.

Anglo-American relations on Indo-China questions appear to have taken a turn for the better in the last few days, according to diplomatic observers here.

They point to a number of recent trends towards a greater unity between the hitherto separate, if parallel efforts, of the State Department in Washington and the Foreign Office at the Geneva conference, to rest and maintain the security of Indo-China and Southeast Asia.

Firstly, arrangements for a Five-Power military conference, expected to open in Washington on June 1, are now proceeding very smoothly. There is a possibility that this conference between generals from Britain, France, the United States, Australia and New Zealand may be held at a higher level than was originally contemplated, possibly at the Chiefs-of-Staff level.

Although the military conference will not be empowered to undertake any military commitments, it provides a valuable opportunity for Britain and the United States and the other nations to reach an agreed appraisal of the actualities and potentialities of the military situation in Indo-China and Southeast Asia.

The conclusions of the military conference will inevitably provide assessments upon which the plans for a Southeast Asian security arrangements must be based.

Secondly, there has been considerable interest and gratification here at weekend public statements made by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, regarding the future course of his efforts to bring about negotiated settlement of the Indo-China dispute.

**MAJOR DIFFERENCE**

British insistence that the outcome at Geneva must be clearer before Britain can join United States efforts to build up a Southeast Asian alliance have to date provided the major difference of the policy between Britain and the United States.

Mr. Eden referred last Friday in Paris, to the consequences if his efforts at Geneva failed and said "We have to provide for this with wisdom and foresight."

He also said today on leaving London for Geneva, that the discussions there "during the next week or two, will be decisive."

These statements have been interpreted to mean that Mr. Eden may decide at the end of another two weeks of negotiations that attempts to reach a settlement at Geneva are hopeless, or at least that they do not offer sufficient hope to justify Britain remaining aloof any longer from United States efforts to build up a Southeast Asian security arrangement.

In that event, Britain is expected to put its great influence in Asia behind the United States efforts, that influence, which may prove to be enhanced by Mr. Eden's patient and painstaking labour at Geneva in exhausting every possible means of reaching a settlement there, without having even discussed alternative arrangements.

At present, the United States has not obtained Asian support for the proposed alliance except from Thailand, the Philippines and the three Associated States themselves.

**IMPORTANT FACTOR**

The British are believed to hold that to carry influence in Asia, such an alliance must have the moral support, if not the active participation, of other and larger Asian countries, such as India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma.

Thirdly, a very favourable impression has been created here at reports of recent private conversations between Mr. Eden and the Soviet and Chinese Foreign Ministers, at Geneva.

Mr. Eden is understood to have won the Communists against overplaying their hand and pointed out that if things came to a showdown in Asia, Britain would certainly end up on the side of the United States.

Reports of the conversation has now been presented in the United States press as an indication of the fundamental solidarity of the traditional Anglo-American alliance.

**SEKES PROTECTION**

Manila, May 25.

Judge Feliciano Ocampo last night asked for police protection after he had found white crossings etched on his seat at the Court of First Instance.

Judge Ocampo, who will try surrendered Huk leader Luis Taruc, said that it was possible that the crossings were made by Huk or Huk sympathizers.

In response to Judge Ocampo's request, constabulary guards have been assigned to guard him.

Guards were also posted at his residence in the city suburbs.—France-Press.

## A Little Progress Made

(Continued from Page 1)

met again tomorrow in restricted session.

One Western delegate described today's session as "encouraging."

The meeting lasted four and a quarter hours.

Mr. Eden and Mr. Chou En-lai, Chinese Communist Prime Minister, remained behind in the conference room for ten minutes after the other delegates had left.

There was no immediate indication of what they discussed.

Mr. Eden then left the building to drive back to the British delegation headquarters, but Mr. Chou and a handful of his top advisers went for a walk in the gardens of the Palace.—Reuter.

## Lion Cub Goes For A Walk



Two-year-old Gail Brown made a charming study as she took hold of the lead of Rajah, a six weeks old lion cub—when they met while walking in Edinburgh. Rajah is appearing at the local circus—and is a popular favourite.—London Express.

## Paper Accused Of Racial Discrimination

Singapore, May 25.

A Singapore newspaper was under public criticism today for alleged racial discrimination in the distribution of a charitable fund for dependants of five firemen killed in a recent fire.

The Singapore Fire Brigade Employees Union accused the daily Malay newspaper, Utusan Melayu, of distributing relief funds to relatives of three deceased Malay firemen and ignoring the dependants of two Chinese also killed in the same fire.

A spokesman for the union said, "We deplore the attitude of racial discrimination shown by the paper. There are people of all races in the fire brigade with Malays in the majority. All have so far worked together in perfect harmony and racial accord."

Replying to the charge, Inche Yusoff Bin Isahak, managing-director of the Utusan Melayu, said all readers donating to the fund had specifically requested that the money be given only to dependants of Malay firemen.

"We reminded them there were also two Chinese who had been killed, but they insisted, and we have just carried out their wishes," he said.—United Press.

## Japan And US Aid Debt

Washington, May 24.

Diplomatic authorities estimated today that Japan probably will be able to settle her debt of \$2,000,000,000 for post-war United States aid for somewhere around \$300,000,000.

They said they expected that an agreement on this figure or slightly more would be arrived at as a result of negotiations now going on in Tokyo between American Embassy officials and representatives of the Japanese Foreign Office and Finance Ministry.

American officials approached the Japanese negotiators from the same standpoint as they undertook settlement of a debt of similar nature owed by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Factors taken into consideration included the total amount of the aid, the types of assistance and the expected capacity of the recipient government to pay.—United Press.

## 7 YEARS FOR CHOPPER ATTACK

A 40-year-old farmer, Ngai Fuk, was sent to prison for seven years by Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning after being convicted of two counts of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and one of simple wounding.

A Jury of six men and one woman deliberated for about half an hour before finding Ngai guilty of slashing another villager, Yau Yiu-sheung, and his two sons, Yau Yau and Yau Wong-sing, with a chopper near Au Ha Village, Shataukok, New Territories, on February 27.

The accused was found guilty of wounding the first two complainants with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and of the simple wounding of the third complainant, a small boy. The Jury acquitted Ngai of the alternative charges of wounding with intent to murder.

Mr J. McRobert, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det-Sub-Inspector A. MacArthur.

Evidence was given at yesterday's hearing that about 4 p.m. on February 27, the accused went up to the three complainants who were sitting and chatting with others on the roadside. He accused Yau Yiu-sheung of having done some wrong to his own son, and then suddenly struck at him with a chopper he was holding. The accused then struck at other two complainants with the chopper before he was caught and arrested.

In a statement from the dock this morning, Ngai maintained that it was someone else who had committed the offence and not him. He was walking by himself in the field when he was suddenly seized and arrested, he claimed.

General Van Fleet is on a tour of Far Eastern countries and his aim is to survey the US Military Aid programme in the Far East.

He is travelling as a special representative of the President with the personal rank of Ambassador.

**GREAT COUNTRIES**

In a brief interview with the Press, the General pointed out that Japan, Korea and Formosa were the three countries with the greatest strength, greatest potential strength, and moral encouragement to stand against Communist aggression.

"These three countries stand out as great countries," he added.

General Van Fleet further said that Asian countries must stand together to have the strength to fight Communist aggression.

The General and party, who will be returning to Taipei on Friday, were met at the airport by Mr Julian Harrington, American Consul-General, Mr M. J. Muspratt Williams, Director of Civil Aviation, Brig. Bellamy, British Chief of Staff, Mr Ralph Winship, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation, and other members of the American Consulate.

Singapore police were ordered to be on the alert today for possible demonstrations by students of eight Chinese high schools that were closed last Saturday for the summer. The schools were closed two months earlier than usual, following a series of student demonstrations protesting against Singapore's national service registration law.

Meanwhile, it was reported that several hundred students who had failed to meet the deadline for registration under the law had either departed from Singapore for Communist China or were preparing to leave. This morning an estimated 100 Chinese youths boarded the passenger ship Tjiwang for Hongkong. Another group of students were reported to have left the colony for China aboard the Hai Wong on Sunday.

Immigration officials raised no objection over the departure of the students. Officials believed the departure of students who refused to comply with the national service law might lessen agitation among student circles here. More than 25,000 Chinese youths have complied with the registration law.

It was estimated that less than 400 students had defied the law by refusing to register.

A police spokesman said today Singapore's Chinese high schools would remain closed for the summer and police patrols would be stationed at each school to prevent disturbances.—United Press.

**SWAPPING  
JOBS &  
HOMES**

Laconia, New Hampshire, May 24.

School teachers from Laconia and Parkstone, England, will swap jobs, homes and automobiles for the next school year, it was announced today.

Mrs Elizabeth Graves, a widow who teaches at Laconia Junior High, will sail for England on August 6 with her three daughters, Mary Jane, 15; Joyce Ann, 10 and Diana Jean, 8.

About the same time, Digby Jones, a teacher in Parkstone, England, will leave for Laconia with his wife, six-year-old daughter and three-year-old son.

Under sponsorship of the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Mrs Graves will teach Mr Jones' classes and he will teach Mrs Graves' classes.

The Jones family will live in Mrs Graves' home and use her 1951 sedan. The Graves family will occupy the Jones' home and use their nine-year-old car.—United Press.

## Murder And Arson Charges

A 30-year-old electrician, Chau Hing, of 81 Tai Po Road, second floor, was charged with murder and arson before Mr T. Creech on May 24 in Kowloon.

He was remanded for three clear days by the Magistrate.

Det. Sub-Ins. H. A. Gibblett is in charge of the case.

Chau is alleged to have murdered Wu Yung-ah, Chau Ming-tak and Chau Min-chu on May 24 in Kowloon.

It is further alleged that Chau maliciously set fire to 81 Tai Po Road, the dwelling of Lam Sze and others therein on May 24.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times by registered mail are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

TUESDAY, MAY 25	
By Air	
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.	
Indo-China, 6 p.m.	
By Surface	
Indonesia, 3 p.m.	
Malaya, 3 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26	
By Air	
Thailand, 9 a.m.	
Indo-China, 10 a.m.	
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 2 p.m.	
By Surface	
Japan, Korea, 8 p.m.	
Formosa, Okinawa, 8 p.m.	
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.	
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.	
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.	
Macao, 9 a.m.	
Philippines, N. Borneo, 2 p.m.	
Macao, 9 a.m.	
THURSDAY, MAY 27	
By Air	
India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.	
Japan, Korea, 8 p.m.	
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 2 p.m.	
Formosa, 2 p.m.	
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.	
By Surface	
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.	
Macao, 9 a.m.	

## Tar On Fire In Hillwood Road

A small fire broke out at 50 Hillwood Road, ground floor, about 10 o'clock this morning.

Two fire appliances were despatched and within minutes had extinguished a small quantity of burning tar.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"When my husband's brother visited us, we had him paint the house and make a garden!"

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